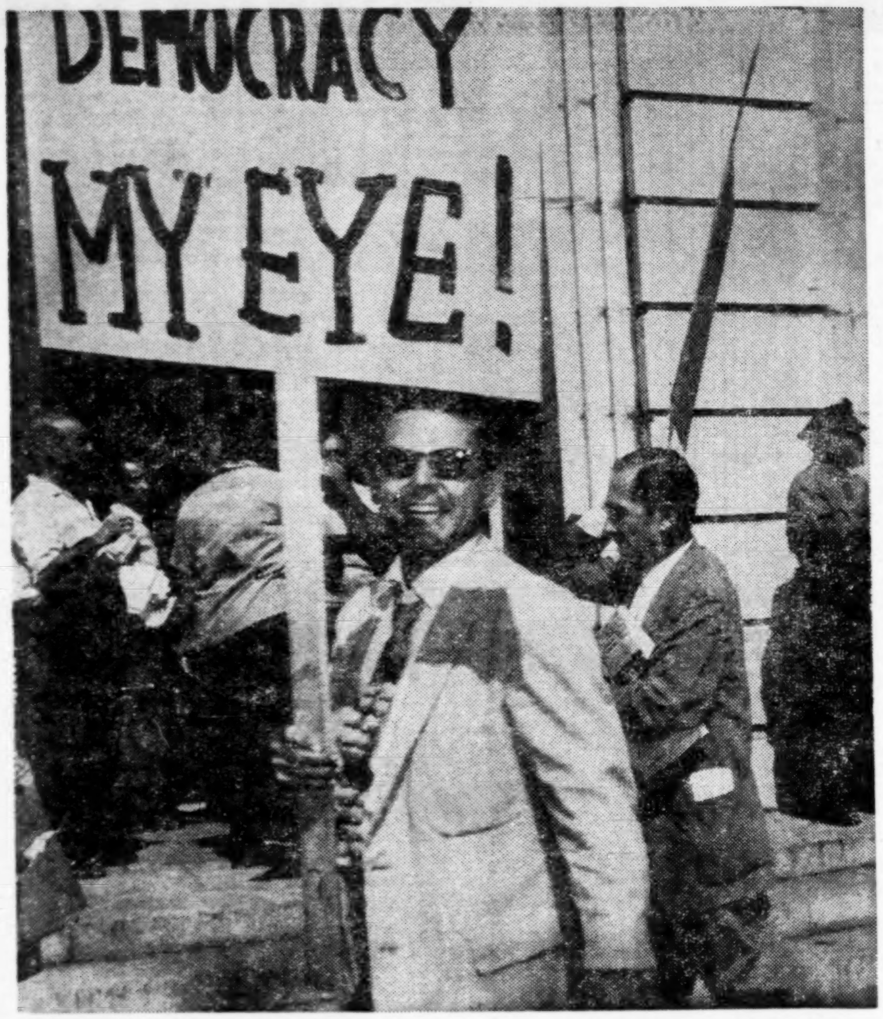

HOW PUERTO RICO FELT ABOUT THE "UN-NORTH AMERICANS"
*One of a group of pickets outside San Juan's central postoffice*

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PICKETS CHANT: 'YANKEES, GO HOME!'

# Puerto Ricans defy U. S. witch-hunters; witnesses won't talk

AFTER TWO YEARS of preparations, the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Nov. 16 opened a two-pronged investigation into Puerto Rican affairs. First phase was a two-day hearing in New York's Foley Square Federal Court House. From there the committee junketed to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a three-day inquiry.

In both places the opposition of 26 subpenaed witnesses, most of them Puerto Ricans, was unanimous and spirited. One San Juan witness, who had agreed to "talk" for the committee, changed his mind and refused to serve as informer when the hearing got under way.

Faced with the boos of massed pickets and the opposition of many of the island's leading citizens and organizations, the two-man subcommittee which conducted the hearing abruptly closed the proceedings with four subpenaed witnesses unheard and retreated to Washington. In their wake the Congressmen left threats of contempt citations against 13 hostile witnesses in San Juan and one in New York.

**WITNESSES LAUGH:** The subcommittee was confounded in Puerto Rico by witnesses who laughed at its questions and assertions. In New York, one witness walked out of the hearing room while questions were still being asked him. Another was ordered to leave and a third, threatened with contempt, told committee counsel Richard Arens: "Don't lose your head, you'll have nothing to think with."

Among the witnesses called, none were from the estimated 170 adherents of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party who live in New York, nor from the hundreds of Nationalists in Puerto Rico whose program calls for the revolutionary overthrow of United States intervention.

Instead, those called in New York were either publicly identified with or alleged to be members of the Communist Party or of the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Party which includes a number of former Communist Party members. The strong differences

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IT'S STILL THE TOP NEWS IN THE U.S.S.R.

# *Even the moon can't eclipse Mr. K's visit*

**By Wilfred Burchett**
Guardian staff correspondent

MOSCOW

A MONTH AFTER Khrushchev's return from the U.S., the Soviet press and public are still discussing his visit with an interest that is extraordinary. The moon photos and a spate of scientific articles pushed the discussion out of the press for a few days and it seemed ended. But it started up again until the Supreme Soviet session filled the papers. Now the latter is over and the Khrushchev visit is back again.

There is a book out and a film made about the visit and a special postage stamp struck to mark the occasion. And there were some revealing references to the visit in Khrushchev's remarkable address to the Supreme Soviet on Oct. 31.

It all adds up to this. If the American people got a different view of Khrushchev and the Soviet people, then Khrushchev is also giving the Soviet people a new view about the United States and its people. The conclusion: that the time is ripe for the Soviet and American peoples to coexist in peace and friendship.

**PEOPLE'S MOOD:** "During my visit to the U.S.," said Khrushchev at the Supreme Soviet meeting, "I had meetings and talks with President Eisenhower and also with other statesmen as well as with representatives of the widest range of circles—and the ordinary people of America. These meetings and conversations gave me the conviction that the overwhelming majority of Americans do not want war and wish relations between our two countries to improve. Many prominent people of the U.S., with the President at their head, understand this mood of the American public . . ."

After referring to the communique following his talks with the President, Khrushchev said: "I would merely like to add that our talks were very useful and facilitated, as we think, a definite understanding and approximation of views in appraising the general situation; in the approach to some concrete matters of major importance and in the awareness of the need to improve relations between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. This was an essential contribution to the consolidation of universal peace and we prize it very highly . . ."

Khrushchev is a man who weighs his words carefully. His statement was the most optimistic ever made by a Soviet statesman on American-Russian rela-

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AGREEMENT ON TESTS ENDS DILEMMA

# The scare is over, but did you eat cranberries on Thanksgiving?

THE GREAT Cranberry Scare of 1959 was officially ended when Secy. of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming announced last week that he would eat the berries on Thanksgiving. Most families seemed likely to follow Flemming's lead, but there were many others who would heed his original advice to boycott the berries because some of them contained traces of a weed-killer that induces cancer in rats.

Flemming touched off the scare Nov. 9 when he announced that Food and Drug Administration inspectors had found aminotriazole in some cranberry shipments. Cranberry growers denied that the crop was tainted. They insisted that only a small portion of the crop in Oregon and Washington contained traces of the chemical. They said they had affidavits this year from practically all growers that the weed-killer had been used only after harvest, as specified by the Dept. of Agriculture.

Although they had no proof, they were also sure that the 1958 crop, which is now on grocers' shelves, was also untainted. In addition, they argued, even if the cranberries contained aminotriazole residue, the amount was very small and a human would have to consume enormous amounts to be affected. Also, tests showed only that the chemical induced cancer in rats.

**INDUSTRY'S PLAN:** Flemming stood his ground and ordered tests of the 1958 and 1959 crops. Growers and chain grocers hired private technicians to help in the testing.

On Nov. 18-19 Flemming held public hearings on what should be done. Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., a cooperative that controls 75% of the crop, offered a plan: It would ban the use of aminotriazole until further research is completed. The 1959 crop which is now in

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**WHAT A MAN'LL DO TO GET VOTES!**
*Nixon eating cranberries in Wisconsin*

## THE MAIL BAG

### Postpone the cheering

ROXBURY, MASS.

Eisenhower seems to realize that the armaments race leads our nation to the poorhouse and a nuclear war leads to one common graveyard, but—he has not recalled his dogs of war from Laos; he does not keep our sacred promise (at Teheran) that "Formosa has been stolen from China and shall be returned to China." So let's postpone the cheering till he ends the threat of wars in Laos and China.

**E. M.**

### Matter of logic

NEW YORK, N.Y.

It is a matter of logic that huge military establishments which stoke their furnaces in preparation for another round of mass human slaughter, must be abolished by the "consent of the governed" who are fed up with the legislators who appropriate the spending of billions of dollars of their tax money to feed the maw of the most threatening menace to human happiness—the business of "war-as-usual."

**Miriam Stern**

### Infra dig

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I was shocked and discouraged by the attempt of Dean Acheson, speaking at the meeting of the "50 friends of Germany and America" in Bonn, to create disunity in our foreign policy at a time of crisis—by opposing any accommodation with Russia on Berlin.

After reading Acheson's statement, I am strongly urged to ask him whose idea was it to assemble these 50 "friends" at the precise moment when their opposition could do the most harm to the new-born climate of good feeling which Eisenhower and Khrushchev are trying to nourish?

And who is paying the expense of this meeting, which must run upward of $100,000 for the plane fares, hotel accomodations and the "gratuities" which are customarily accepted by the distinguished members of such panels?

Acheson would say immediately that such questions are **infra dig**, and I would not expect him to answer them. But I am an old newspaper man: experience has taught me that these are often the most relevant and revealing of all questions that can be asked. I shall pursue their answers through other channels.

I cannot rid my mind of the suspicion that Acheson is not now in his natural role of the high-minded, humanist friend of peace which he has played for many years. Rather, he is the corporation lawyer, retained by the old reactionary industrial interests to enact the protagonist of the sterile and dangerous policy of brinkmanship, now so bankrupt since the passing of his predecessor, Dulles.

How else can Acheson explain his presence on the side of the curiously assorted vocal minority, standing with the **Daily News**, the Catholic bishops, Westbrook Pegler, William Buckley Jr., Henry Cabot Lodge—and all of those who can imagine no way out of any difficulty except through blind application of military force?

**Charles Pemberton**

### *How Crazy Can You Get Dept.*

DETROIT—(UPI)—Advertising men are going to have to give cranberries "sex appeal" if they are to recover from the current contamination scare and regain their popularity on U.S. dining tables, an advertising man said Wednesday night.

"The cranberry people must quickly face their greatest challenge in public relations and advertising," said Arnold R. Jones, president of the Detroit Academy of Advertising Arts.

"If cranberries could do away with bad breath, lure the opposite gender into waiting arms, give a man a tan or even prevent conception," he said, "they might well become an everyday item on the kitchen table, contaminated or not."

—The Daily **Intelligencer**
Doylestown, Pa., 11/19/59

One year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Be sure to send original clip with each entry. Winner this week: J. B. Doylestown, Pa.

### Mosholu friends

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

Thanks to the Mosholu friends who contributed to the GUARDIAN in memory of my mother, Anna Pearl. May it help to rid the world of the wanton cancer of war and hate, so that we may all live in health and security.

**Rhoda Sperber**

### From a Franco jail

YONKERS, N.Y.

From behind the walls of the notorious Central Prison of Burgos, Spain, comes a carefully worded letter of thanks from anti-Franco political prisoner Leoncia Pena. Addressed to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, it is meant for you who by letter and contribution have given help and cheer to Pena and his fellow political prisoners.

The food and drug packages you made possible have been eagerly shared among Pena and his fellows. Your protests were forceful enough to make direct letters from Pena possible despite long standing official prohibitions. And how warmly Pena writes of the strength your letters give. Under a sentence of 20 years it is well to know you are not forgotten.

In Leoncia Pena's name we thank you. In our name we say, to be anti-Franco is to be pro-peace. We ask you to write to the State Dept. for support of a complete amnesty for all political prisoners in Franco Spain. And let Pena know what you are doing. His address is:

Leoncia Pena, Central Prison of Burgos, Burgos, Spain.

It would be good if you could say in your letter to him that you are sending a helpful contribution for him and his fellow politicals, to

**Veterans of the**
**Abraham Lincoln Brigade**
**49 E. 21st St., N.Y. 10.**

### Stamp act

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Our U.S. Post Office has never accepted Thomas Paine as an American patriot entitled to a commemorative stamp; but the German, Ernst Reuter, is imposed on us as a Champion of Liberty and we have only to wait to see Francisco Franco likewise honored.

**Veni Vidi**

### On 'Granite Integrity'

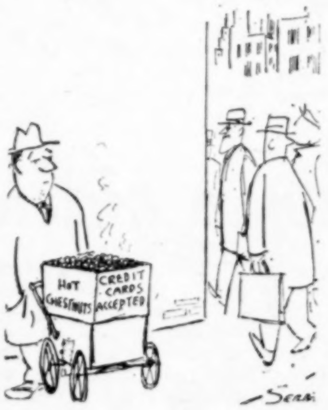
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I want to thank you for the editorial which you printed in my behalf (GUARDIAN, Nov. 2) and for your courtesy in sending it to me.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to correct what was apparently an erroneous assumption on the part of the author (last paragraph).

The 32 signers were, I am told, simply a sample of opinion in Congress. No attempt was made to canvass a large number of the members, so that I am naturally concerned that the fact of the absence of particular signatures would have any significance in so far as they are concerned.

**William H. Meyer**
Representative at Large,
Vermont



Wall Street Journal

### Parent guidance

CHICAGO, ILL.

It would be a great service to progressives if you were to call attention to the following books:

Ribble, Margaret A., **The Rights of Infants; Early Psychological Needs and Their Satisfaction,** Columbia University Press (originally) 1943.

Bettelheim, Bruno, **Love is Not Enough: the Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Children,** The Free Press, Glencoe, Ill. (originally) 1950.

With regard to the Bettelheim book, although it deals mostly with severely disturbed children, it is full of implications for the correction of mild disturbances in the home situation, and for the prevention of any disturbances.

Progressive parents at least as often (and sometimes as desperately) as any others, appeal to be directed to books which would be of practical help to them in the upbringing of their children. I am submitting that these are among the first to which they should be directed.

**Burrill Freedman**

### Something to fight for

VENTNOR, N.J.

The article, "Can we disarm?," I read with wonder if the writer ever studied Marx's writings. Marx said plainly that a change in the system of capitalism to socialism has to be fought for, that the people in power although small in number will fight against any attempt to abolish capitalism.

**A. Dornblatt**

## Ten Years Ago in the Guardian

THOSE WHO WALK ON THE PATH OF PRIDE crushing the lowly life under their tread, covering the tender green of the earth with their footprints in blood;

Let them rejoice, and thank thee, Lord, for thy day is theirs. But I am thankful that my lot lies with the humble who suffer and bear the burden of power, and hide their faces and stifle their sobs in the dark.

For every throb of their pain has pulsed in the secret depths of thy night, and every insult has been gathered into thy great silence.

And the morrow is theirs.

O Sun, rise upon the bleeding hearts blossoming in flowers of the morning, and the torchlight revelry of pride shrunken to ashes.

**—Thanksgiving, by Rabindranath Tagore in the National Guardian, Nov. 28, 1949**

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## REPORT TO READERS

# 'Twas the best yet

EACH YEAR AFTER OUR GUARDIAN Anniversary Dinner, people cluster around and rejoice: "This one was the best ever!" We nod, of course, and shake hands in seeming agreement (because each year has truly been a wonderful affair), but our hearts understandably go back to the first one, when the GUARDIAN rounded out its fifth year and the now-departed Vito Marcantonio and Emanuel Bloch each lighted candles on our birthday cake. Yet we think we sense what people mean, when they troop out as they did after this year's 11th Birthday get-together Nov. 18 saying "Best ever."

More people came this year than ever; the mood was hugely optimistic; the guests of honor were among our best-loved friends; the guest speakers had urgent things to say, and said them warmly and brilliantly; and fun and felicity ran rampant through the evening. It was as if the hints of peace in the air had charmed the atmosphere.

THE GUESTS OF HONOR, in the order presented (ladies first) were Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, teacher, author and unswerving advocate of independent political action; Miss Florence Luscomb, New England peace leader; Marie Reed Haug, key figure in the Cleveland Taft-Hartley case; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, veteran Communist leader who won President Wilson's intervention for Joe Hill 45 years ago and now seeks public support for executive clemency for the three remaining Smith Act victims; Dr. Willard Uphaus and Pete Seeger, First Amendment defendants who sent messages from elsewhere in the country; Robert A. (Alec) Jones, in charge of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born since the death of Abner Green; Angus Cameron, former head of Cameron Associates and Liberty Book Club, now book editor for Alfred A. Knopf Co.; and an impromptu "honorable" spotted among the diners, 85-year-old A. A. Heller, a mainstay of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

GUEST SPEAKERS were Charles P. Howard of Iowa, keynoter at the unforgettable Progressive Party convention of 1948 and now head of a news syndicate covering the United Nations; author Truman Nelson, chronicler of John Brown and an impassioned advocate of a reborn Abolition movement in our time; and labor leader Harry Bridges, head of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Howard told of the appearance of President Sekou Touré of Guinea at the UN, and of the rising determination of Africa to throw off colonial status and achieve continental freedom. Truman Nelson brought this struggle home. Here, he said, "we have the vote and the implied power over our rulers and yet we have let almost as many of our acknowledged rights slip away by default and indifferences, as those the deep south Negro never had." He said:

"We should be fighting mad . . . we should be rising in righteous power to rebuke and punish those who subvert the rights of man for power and privilege."

BROTHER BRIDGES (as Editor Jim Aronson, a CIO Newspaper Guild alumnus, introduced him) accused the AFL-CIO leaders of seeking to "put the union label on the Cold War." He warned that big labor is preparing to back Sen. John F. Kennedy, original proponent of the new labor law eventually enacted as the Landrum-Griffin Act, for the Presidency. He also proposed a five point action program for progressives: (1) call for a summit meeting; (2) oppose resumption of nuclear weapons tests; (3) urge disengagement in Germany; (4) boost world trade; (5) demand international relations with China.

Bridges recalled Senator Kennedy's advocacy of nuclear war over Berlin and asserted that his new labor bill was designed to force conformity of the labor movement with Cold War aims. Of AFL-CIO president George Meany's efforts to reheat the Cold War, Bridges said: "There is no room for George Meany in a world headed for peace and socialism. In such a world he might have to deliver the goods for the workers."

Charles Collins, former American Labor party and union leader, New York State's first Negro candidate for State Senate, and before that a Shakespearean actor of prowess, performed the evening's offertory rites with humor and skill.

Karen Morley, every bit as lissome in person as in those early movies of hers on TV, lit a candle with an appropriate **bon mot** for each of the GUARDIAN'S years—and an extra one for Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, who has presided at all previous GUARDIAN anniversary dinners but is now traveling in the West.

—THE GUARDIAN

### NEW PARTY FORMED

# Cyprus mayors protest rule of Makarios

Special to the Guardian

LONDON

IN A SIZZLING letter to Archbishop Makarios the mayors of Cyprus' six chief towns (three left-wing, three right) have accused the Provisional Government head of leading the island away from democracy toward "dictatorial developments." Describing the archbishop's selection of ministers from his own EDMA party as "the first split in the Greek Cypriot people," they said decisions were being made "in secret" and the 50-member consultative committee set up by Makarios himself had "hardly ever been asked its opinions."

The decision to hold presidential elections Dec. 13 was called "a mockery of people's rule" since "not even a draft constitution has been put forward for the people's approval." A policy of "terror and suppression of the press" was being followed toward critics of these trends, the mayors charged.

**DELAY ADVOCATED:** The mayors proposed postponement of the elections, inclusion of all parties in a decision-making body, urgent steps to ensure surrender of arms by private citizens, political neutrality by the Church, full restoration of democratic rights, and annulment of the law dividing municipalities into Greek and Turkish sectors.

The Working People's Party (AKEL), Cyprus' largest, also called for postponement of the elections since "hardly any of our problems have been solved" and "popular organizations are still outlawed." It said all parties should be represented in discussions on a common program, and when this is agreed to a coalition government should be formed to implement it.

**A NEW PARTY:** In a new development on Nov. 16, a new party was formed in Cyprus after a meeting of 1,000 persons in Nicosia at the invitation of Mayor Dervis of Nicosia and former Mayor Clerides. The party is known as the Democratic Union. It is possible that the AKEL will throw its support behind the new party on Dec. 13, especially since the founding meeting sharply attacked the government as "dictatorial."

Dervis accused the Greek government of becoming the "slave traders of Cyprus" by agreeing to the island's present fate at the Zurich and London meetings which led to the formation of the provisional Makarios government. He also charged that the U.S. was the "political procurer" in the situation.

The new party meant that there will be at least two candidates in the election for President. Archbishop Makarios will be one, and Dervis or Clerides another.

## *Report from Cloud Cuckooland*

I HAVE JUST COME DOWN from hill station Mussoorie, seat of the Dalai Lama's exile Government [in India]. I have also just come down from Cloud Cuckooland. At an international legal inquiry in Mussoorie I heard the Dalai Lama reel off a list of fantastic allegations against Red China. But he made no attempt to prove his allegations. Not a single document was produced. Not a shred of evidence was provided.

The case as put by the Dalai Lama was that China was seeking to destroy the Tibetan race by (1) mass sterilization; (2) the mass deportation of children, and (3) the mass settlement of 5,000,000 Chinese in Tibet.

His explanation of how [the 5,000,000]—four times greater than Tibet's population—was supported was: "Our country is not short of foodstuffs. Due to our high altitude we can keep food for 25 years. There are many fish in our lakes."

The eight members of the inquiry—set up by the Intl. Commission of Jurists—sat through most of the day without complaining. But at one point an English secretary of the inquiry burst out: "I would like to make it clear that as far as lawyers are concerned, there is a difference between believing a thing to be true and proving it."

And an Indian professor of law, exasperated at having listened to hours of allegations and not having seen a single document produced, exclaimed: "Have you no documents, decrees, laws? Where are the laws of Tibet to be found? I have looked all over India and haven't been able to find a single law of Tibet passed in the last 150 years."

—George Gale in a report from New Delhi in the London **Daily Express**, Nov. 16

AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY (L) AND VICE-PRES. WALTER REUTHER
*They apparently are resigned to "living with" the new labor "reform" law.*

### THE RAID ON UNION TREASURIES

# Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin act and what it will do to labor

By Robert E. Light

IT WILL TAKE some time for the country to discover what Congress enacted when it passed the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin labor "reform" law at its last session. Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), who voted against the bill, called it a "legal monstrosity" and a "hodgepodge." Most lawyers agree with him. Stuart Rothman, general counsel of the Natl. Labor Relations Board, points out that "after 12 years the meaning of the [Taft-Hartley] law is still being litigated." It will probably take at least as long for the courts to define the new law.

The bill which finally won approval was an amalgam of the Senate's Kennedy bill and the House's Landrum-Griffin version. It passed while Congress was reacting in wild hysteria to what was described as "the greatest lobby in history" to enact union "reforms." Few legislators read the bill before they voted for it.

But now that the smoke has cleared and the unions are at the business of complying with the law, some meanings are becoming clear. Not all is defined yet, but what is known adds up to a bad time for labor.

**SICK HUMOR:** In addition to the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, which led the lobbying, lawyers, printers and bonding companies have immediate cause to rejoice. Ed S. Miller, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, pointed out: "There is a kind of sick humor in the fact that this law, billed by its backers as a padlock on union treasuries, is itself a massive raid on those funds . . . The law will cost unions far more than the total sum alleged by the McClellan Committee [$10,000,000] to have been misused by union officers."

Most unions have already had to increase their legal and professional staffs to interpret the law and draw up the forms they are now required to file.

"Every labor organization," the law states, "shall inform its members concerning the provisions of this act." Most unions have figured this to mean they must reprint the law's full text. The Hotel and Restaurant Workers, for example, ran 24 additional pages in its monthly publication at an additional cost of $10,000. The Teamsters spent $18,000 on additional printing for their magazine and $4,500 for a special pamphlet.

Printers will reap another harvest when unions will have to reprint their constitutions and by-laws to include amendments specified by the new law.

**BONDERS' WINDFALL:** But the biggest bite into union treasuries will come from the bonding companies. The law provides that "every officer, agent, shop steward or other representative or employe of any labor organization . . . who handles funds or other property thereof shall be bonded." It further specifies that the officials must be individually bonded for not less than 10% of the funds handled and that the bonds must be issued by an American surety company approved by the Secy. of the Treasury.

It has long been standard practice for unions to bond their officers and staff. But they usually bought "position schedule" or "blanket" bonds. This meant that officers and staff designated would be covered by a single bond. And if one of the officers or staff died or was replaced, his successor was automatically covered. This method of bonding is relatively cheap and assures full protection.

But the new specification for individual bonds adds heavily to the cost and empowers the bonding companies to investigate and pass on the fitness of union officials.

**'A SHAKEDOWN':** The provision eliminating all but American companies was aimed at Lloyd's of London which has bonded Teamsters officials. The union has been paying 35c per $1,000 on a blanket bond. To be covered by an American company will cost it from $7.50 to $11.75 per $1,000. The union estimates it will now cost $50,000 a year to bond James R. Hoffa, who holds several posts in the union and handles much of its funds.

In a letter to constituents, Morse said the bonding provision "amounts in fact to a shakedown, and I would like to know how any fair-minded person can justify it."

Many unions have complained of the provision's vague language. They asked Secy. of Labor James P. Mitchell to define which officials must be covered and to specify what "handling of funds" means. He promised that before the end of the year he would offer a clarification.

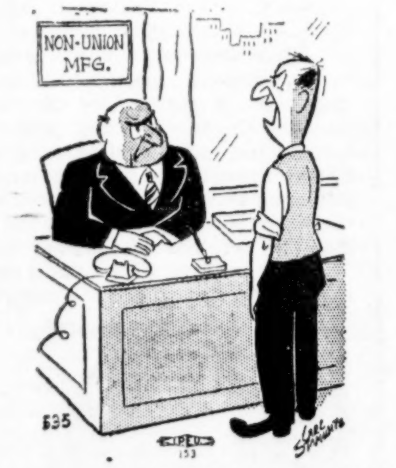
Most of the law's provisions aimed at curbing union activity are yet to be applied. But the new restrictions on picketing and boycotts are certain to reach the courts before long.

**FEW RESISTERS:** The AFL-CIO is apparently resigned to "living with" the law. At its convention it failed even to promise to fight for repeal. There are also reports that some of the top brass are going to support Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), the law's sponsor, for President (see Report to Readers, p. 2).

But the independent unions seem more willing to fight. The West Coast Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union last month refused to comply with Mitchell's request for a list of all union officers or employes who within the past five years were members of the Communist Party or who were convicted for a long list of crimes, including murder and rape. The law bans such people from office. The union held that the section was unconstitutional and "so vague and indefinite as to be meaningless." The Justice Dept. said it was investigating to see if the law was being violated.

John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers is also considering a challenge to the law. It filed "under protest" trusteeship reports now required, but it contended that the law does not require reports on its "provisional" districts where officers are appointed by the international. Lewis said his lawyers are studying the problem."

Meanwhile, Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), who set the stage for the law with his "rackets" investigations, was on the banquet circuit taking bows before management groups. In New York the West Side Assn. of Commerce awarded him a gold medal for "public service." The public may eventually learn how much service he has actually rendered.



Signalman's Journal, Chicago

**"I'm *fired*??? . . . That's funny, I always thought you sold your slaves!"**

### First Amendment rally slated for Chicago Dec. 6

A "RALLY for the First Amendment" will be held Sunday, December 6, under the auspices of 80 well known citizens of Chicago. Guest speakers will be State Sen. James O. Monroe, Dr. Willard Uphaus, and Carl Braden. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 32 W. Randolph St., Parlor C2.

# Dear National Guardian Reader:

Last September 5th was a tragic day for the million-fold foreign-born Americans and their descendants. For on that day untimely, malignant illness ended the fruitful, dedicated career of Abner Green, beloved and admired Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. It was a staggering loss to his countless friends and victims of the Walter-McCarran Law.

ABNER GREEN

For twenty-five of his forty-six years Abner Green had devoted intense and ever-seeking efforts to convince native-born Americans of their responsibility and self-interest in defense of the rights of the foreign born. Because each time a foreign-born American is persecuted, discriminated against, deported, reduced to second-class citizenship or deprived of naturalization, the democratic bulwark of all Americans is assailed and threatened.

At various periods of the fight, as Abner Green thoughtfully and humanely guided American Committee work—aiding literally thousands of non-citizens to gain citizenship and preventing harsh discrimination—he and the Committee were publicly applauded. Among those who attested to the need and importance of the Committee's efforts were President Roosevelt, whose phrase, "We are all immigrants or the descendants of immigrants," still symbolizes the outlook and the work; President (then General) Eisenhower; and numerous Congressmen and public personages.

Then came the grim Cold War and McCarthy period, when persecution of the foreign born was intensified. In the words of Thomas Jefferson, they became the "first victims, with citizens to follow." Scores of foreign-born Americans were thrown into jail, some were summarily exiled and separated from their families and entire national groups and communities were harassed unmercifully.

In this emergency, the name of Abner Green and the work carried on by the American Committee gave heart to thousands of foreign-born Americans and their native-born descendants. They responded by forming defense groups and committees to resist the deportation and denaturalization drive decreed by the Justice Department and implemented by its Immigration and Naturalization Service.

If this were not the case, many of us would have been torn from our families (even as I, William Heikkila, was) and exiled from the United States forever, or stripped of citizenship (as I, Stanley Nowak, was. But in my case the attempt was defeated); (and I, Charles Rowoldt, whose deportation case was won after 22 years, give thanks to the American Committee for its public campaigns and aid in rallying support for appeals to the courts in so many decisive challenges of Walter-McCarran Law provisions).

The court appeals often achieved relief for victims of deportation and denaturalization proceedings, and for those still subject to lifetime "parole and supervision" and regular reporting.

There were some victims, as NATIONAL GUARDIAN readers are well aware as they read "Cedric Belfrage, Editor in Exile" each week on the masthead.

**But most of us were saved, many are still in the process of being saved, thanks to the foresight, initiative and devotion of Abner Green and the work of the Committee and local defense committees.**

We can never forget how Abner Green inspired and organized nation-wide campaigns to prevent imminent deportations and to free those arrested in Gestapo-like raids and denied bail. We can never forget how he chose to serve in prison for "contempt" rather than betray American Committee contributors by surrendering their names to witch-hunters.

Finally, in recent years, he personally led a fight for revising the immigration and naturalization law to include a five-year statute of limitations. This in fact would automatically cancel out most of the present political deportation and denaturalization proceedings—since average residence of victims in the United States is well over forty years.

The American Committee's present program will be re-evaluated to meet the current situation, at the 27th Annual National Conference on December 19 and 20, at the Belmont-Plaza Hotel in New York City.

To carry out this program effectively, to continue "The Heritage of Abner Green" with the devotion he inspired, is the reason we appeal to you, the readers of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN, for your generous financial assistance.

With thanks for your past support, we are

Fraternally yours,
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Attention New Yorkers

### ABNER GREEN MEMORIAL CONCERT-MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

TRIBUTE WILL BE PAID Abner Green for his 25 years of service in behalf of the foreign born at a Memorial Concert-Meeting in New York City at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 19, at the Hotel Belmont-Plaza, Lexington Avenue at 49th Street.

Opening and closing with a musical interlude, the Program will include brief remarks by individuals closely associated with Abner Green, personally and organizationally.

In conjunction with the Concert-Meeting, a Memorial Journal, THE LEGACY OF ABNER GREEN, will be published. In three parts, the Journal will contain a biography of Mr. Green, high points of the work of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and individual messages. It will be illustrated by the works of many prominent artists in keeping with the theme.

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# Cranberry scare

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storage would be tested and tainted cranberries would be destroyed. In return it wanted from Flemming "a declaration to the American people that cranberries now in grocery stores are completely wholesome and free from blemish of any sort."

But Dr. Harold Aaron, representing Consumers Union, supported Flemming's action. He quoted Chicago cancer specialist Dr. Phillip Shubik, who said the data submitted provided an "adequate basis" for considering aminotriazole as a possible cancer agent. He said the industry's argument that there was no proof that the chemical causes cancer in humans was "neither good scientific logic nor consistent with good public health policy."

**A HARVARD EXPERT:** Dr. David Rutstein, head of the Dept. of Preventive Medicine at Harvard University, offered a similar view in a letter to the New York **Times** (Nov. 18.) He wrote: "One fact is clear: a substance is more likely to produce cancer in man if in any dosage it produces cancer in test animals." He also pointed out that there is a "possibility that aminotriazole may be more harmful to man than to rats."

On Nov. 20 Flemming announced a plan with which the growers agreed: tests would continue on the 1958 and 1959 crops and tainted berries would be impounded. But those found free of aminotriazole would bear a label certifying their purity.

As the tests neared completion it appeared that only a small percentage of the berries were tainted. But contrary to industry claims, aminotriazole traces were found in some of the 1958 crop—and on berries grown in Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

**WHAT ABOUT CORN:** Complaining that the cranberry industry had been singled out for harassment, Ocean Spray president George C. P. Olsson seemed to touch on the larger issues. He pointed out that aminotriazole is also used in corn fields and apple and pear orchards. "If it is used by others," he said, "there certainly must be a great contamination in other food products."

Food and Drug Commissioner George Larrick said: "It's established that arsenic can cause cancer. But if I banned all foods containing arsenic the American people wouldn't have very much left to eat. Arsenic is found in oysters, crabs, lobsters and many other types of food, though in such small quantities that it should not be dangerous."

But there remains a troublesome question for which there is not now a scientific answer: What is the cumulative effect of consuming small doses of a variety of cancer agents over 20 or 30 years?

And on a cautious holiday note, Mrs. Margaret Tordaro, a housewife in Weymouth, Mass., summed up the consumer's view to the **Wall Street Journal:** "I feel sorry for the cranberry people, but I have to think of my children and I just can't take a chance on them."

# *Shall we dance? A diplomatic disaster in Djakarta*

**By Goei Hok Gie**
**Special to the Guardian**

DJAKARTA, Indonesia

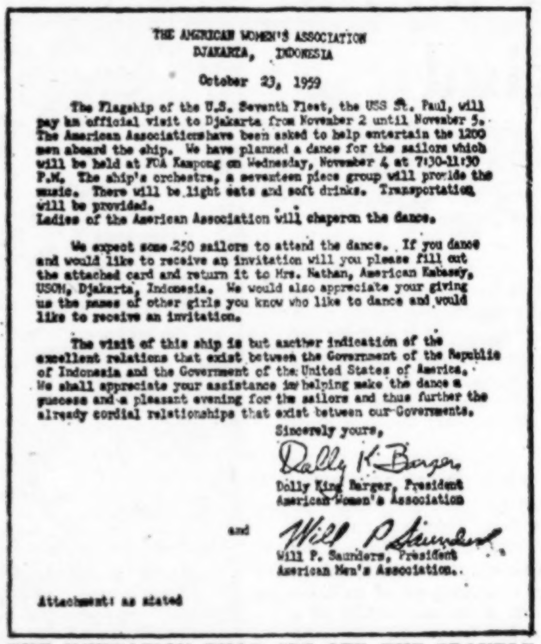
THE STATE DEPARTMENT apparently has been sending its top personnel to Indonesia to represent the United States in the last years, but it has not worked out very well.

Career diplomat Hugh Cummings, for example, failed rather badly in attempting to convince Indonesian leaders to join military pacts like SEATO. So he was sent off to the Intelligence Section of the State Dept. and was replaced by John S. Allison, who had a reputation as a trouble-shooter. Allison shot trouble his own way by openly assisting the rebellion against the government in March-April, 1957—actions which were recently spelled out by C. L. Sulzberger in the New York **Times**.

After the Djakarta government succeeded in putting down the rebellion, Allison in turn was sent home and Howard P. Jones came in to introduce a "new style" in American diplomacy.

**ENTERTAINING THE BOYS:** Until recently Jones got along well. His relations with the Indonesian diplomats, including President Sukarno himself, were excellent. But then the cruiser St. Paul, flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, pulled into Djakarta—and all hell broke loose.

It seems that the American Women's Assn. and the American Men's Assn. of Djakarta decided to hold a dance for the men of the St. Paul and sent invitations to Indonesian students who like to dance. The students were asked to invite their friends who liked to dance too. There would be a 17-piece orchestra and "light eats and soft drinks."



THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
DJAKARTA, INDONESIA

October 23, 1959

The Flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, the USS St. Paul, will pay an official visit to Djakarta from November 2 until November 5. The American Associationshave been asked to help entertain the 1200 men aboard the ship. We have planned a dance for the sailors which will be held at FOA Kampong on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30-11:30 P.M. The ship's orchestra, a seventeen piece group will provide the music. There will be light eats and soft drinks. Transportation will be provided.
Ladies of the American Association will chaperon the dance.

We expect some 250 sailors to attend the dance. If you dance and would like to receive an invitation will you please fill out the attached card and return it to Mrs. Nathan, American Embassy, USOM, Djakarta, Indonesia. We would also appreciate your giving us the names of other girls you know who like to dance and would like to receive an invitation.

The visit of this ship is but another indication of the excellent relations that exist between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the United States of America. We shall appreciate your assistance in helping make the dance a success and a pleasant evening for the sailors and thus further the already cordial relationships that exist between our Governments.

Sincerely yours,

Dolly K. Barger
Dolly King Barger, President
American Women's Association

and

Will P. Saunders
Will P. Saunders, President
American Men's Association.

Attachment: as stated

THE INVITATION THAT SET OFF THE TROUBLE

It all sounded innocent enough, but there was one flaw: no men students got invitations; only the girls (and the invitation said "girls," although it made it clear that the "ladies" of the American Assn. would be chaperones).

While such an invitation might be acceptable in the West, it is directly contrary to Indonesian modes of behavior. Immediately many Indonesian women's and youth organizations protested. The student organizations called on their women members to uphold the national dignity of Indonesia by refusing to join in the merry-making.

**'RETOOLING' NEEDED:** Public opinion was inflamed. The press denounced the American organizations. What made matters worse—and was probably a major cause of the protest—was that the men of the Seventh Fleet already had a poor moral rating in Indonesian eyes.

Ambassador Jones, in a stew, issued a press statement announcing that the AWA and the AMA had decided to call the dance off. Then he really put his foot into it. He said that certain circles who were against close relations between the U.S. and Indonesia had meddled in the situation.

That brought things to a real boil, because Jones had in effect accused cabinet ministers and members of parliament of attempts to worsen relations between the two countries. He might have been cautioned by the fact that on Sept. 28, on the occasion of Indonesian Youth Day, President Sukarno had warned against the infiltration of "harmful" Western culture like rock-'n'-roll and the Latin American cha-cha-cha.

For Vice Adm. Frederick N. Kivette, commander of the Seventh Fleet, and his 1,300 men, the stay in Djakarta was a bust. And for the State Dept. there was evidence, as President Sukarno said, that American diplomacy was still in need of "retooling."

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### 16 COLLEGES NOW OBJECTING

# Harvard-Yale refusal of loan heartens loyalty oath foes

YALE AND HARVARD Universities on Nov. 17 announced their withdrawal from the Federal student loan program in protest against its loyalty oath provision. This action increased the number of dissenting institutions to 16. While this is only slightly more than 1% of the 1,370 institutions receiving loan aid under the Natl. Defense Education Act of 1958, it includes some of the nation's leading colleges; and the Harvard-Yale action is bound to have far-reaching influence.

Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard, said his university was returning $107,873 to the Federal government and will not accept another $250,000 offered for this year. The requirement that student applicants for loans execute a loyalty affidavit is "misguided" and "discriminatory" and an "affront" to young people because of its "threat of coercion," he said.

**OPPRESSIVE PRACTICE:** Yale president A. Whitney Griswold described the oath as a "negative affidavit" which "partakes of the nature of the oppressive religious and political test oaths of history, which were used as a means of exercising control over the educational process by church or state." He said that "loyalty cannot be coerced or compelled, it has to be won." Yale relinquished $50,000 which remained of a $210,000 allocation. One day earlier, Oberlin College made known its rejection of the aid and its decision to return $68,146.

Other colleges which have refused to participate in the program are Antioch and Wilmington in Ohio; Goucher in Maryland; Reed in Oregon; Amherst in Massachusetts; Princeton in New Jersey, and Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore in Pennsylvania.

Protesting the oath while accepting the loan funds are Bennington, Sarah Lawrence, Rutgers, Grinnell and St. John's of Baltimore.

**OLD DEVIL VIOLENCE:** Inserted in the 1958 act by Sen Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.), the disputed provision requires that, in addition to swearing an oath of allegiance to the U.S., the student applicant must file an affidivat that "he does not believe in, and is not a member of and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches the overthrow of the United States government by force or violence or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods."

Since its adoption, this section has been under attack. Secy. Arthur S. Flemming of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare said that it was an "ineffective" means of spotting the persons it was intended to uncover and that it would wastefully add to the cost of administering the act.

**THEY MUST BE FREE:** Educators, however, based their objections on broader grounds. Last January at the convention of the Assn. of American Colleges (750 members), delegates seemed to agree with the view expressed by Dr. George Boas of Johns Hopkins U.: "You will not have excellence if a man does not feel free to ask any question whatsoever, whether it impinge upon vested scientific authority or on theology or politics."

In February the Natl. Council of Churches urged Congress to eliminate the oath. A month later more than 100 college presidents, deans and department heads met in the Natl. Conference on Higher Education and voted their opposition. Later, the 40,000-member American Assn. of University Professors voted to foster letters to Congressmen urging repeal.

**A NEW IMPETUS:** Last July Congress defeated, 49-42, an amendment proposed by Sen. John F. Kennedy (D.-Mass.) which would have stricken Sec. 1001 (f), the affidavit section. In the debate, Sen. Mundt proposed a change to bar loan funds to any student who is a member of an organization on the Attorney General's "subversive" list. He claimed support of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

But the protesting colleges seemed in no mood to exchange one bad provision for another. Oberlin's president William E. Stevenson said Oberlin "feels that it cannot compromise its historical devotion to freedom of speech and belief," and invited other institutions to join the protest. The N. Y. **Times** said that "the stand now taken by Harvard and Yale should encourage a renewal of such attempts [to strike the loyalty oath] at the next session of Congress."

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of California should
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A FAST AGAINST WAR

*Fred L. Moore, a U. of California freshman whose father is an Air Force colonel, last month undertook a seven-day fast against the university's compulsory military training program. A conscientious objector, he had asked to be excused from training. After 59 hours, he and his father had a talk. Fred stopped his fast. He had accomplished his purpose: the university ended the compulsory provision of military training.*

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# *4 sue to get N. Y. school jobs back*

FOUR NEW YORK CITY school employes—three teachers and a clerk—asked the State Supreme Court on Nov. 16 to direct the City Board of Education to dismiss pending charges and reinstate them to the positions from which they were suspended without pay in Sept., 1955. They were suspended for refusing to name other teachers after having admitted their own past membership in the Communist Party.

The action came six months after the Court of Appeals, New York's highest tribunal, had upheld the State Commissioner of Education's ruling that the Board had no power "to discipline employes who refuse under questioning" to become informers. Despite the ruling, the Board has taken no steps to return the four to their jobs. Instead, it has relied on other charges to maintain the suspensions. These charges (of alleged continuing CP membership in violation of the Feinberg Law, and, in the case of two petitioners, of having falsely answered a question on an application blank years before concerning past membership) had been made three years ago, a week after the Commissioner over-ruled the Board's "inform or be fired" edict.

Victor Rabinowitz and Leonard Boudin, attorneys for the petitioners, said the "new" charges had been made "in bad faith" and asked the court to declare the suspensions "illegal, null and void," in violation of rights guaranteed in the state and Federal constitutions. The teachers involved are Harry Adler, Irving Mauer and Julius Nash; the secretary is Minerva Feinstein. Their aggregate length of service in the New York school system is 71 years.

**A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST SPEAKS**

# What a single H-Bomb will do to mankind

*In his speech to the United Nations Assembly last September, in which he advocated total disarmament in four years, Premier Khrushchev quoted "a remark by the American nuclear physicist W. Davidson, who noted that the explosion of one hydrogen bomb releases a greater amount of energy than all the explosions set off by all countries in all wars known in the entire history of mankind. And he, apparently, is right."*

*"W. Davidson" actually is William C. Davidon, an outstanding theoretical physicist at the Argonne Laboratories. An authority on thermonuclear weapons and their destructive power, he refuses to work on anything having to do with building such weapons. He is president of the Chicago Chapter of the Fedn. of American Scientists; a member of the board of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, and a member of the Committee for Security Through Arms Control. In the article below, which first appeared in the November issue of the monthly* Liberation *(110 Christopher St., New York 14, N. Y.; $3 a year; 30c a copy), Davidon expands on the comment quoted by Khrushchev.*

**By William C. Davidon**

IT IS ONLY fourteen years since the first A-bomb explosion; few of us realize the magnitude of the revolution in weaponry which has taken place since then. Throughout all the previous millenia of man's development, the concentration of energy in his fuels and explosives had not appreciably changed. The explosion of a pound of TNT releases less energy than the burning of a pound of wood. But the fission of one cubic foot of uranium, which has taken place in single nuclear explosions, releases about the same amount of energy as all the bombs and shells that have been used by all countries throughout all the wars of history.

The nuclear explosive actually fissioned in the first atomic explosions at Alamagordo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki would in each case fill about three tablespoons. Even if other developments were not compounding the immensity of the problem, even if serious efforts were being made to inform men of their significance, fourteen years would be a short time for entire populations fully to comprehend so complete a break with the past. The essential consequence is this: that nations after several thousands of years no longer provide tangible defense for their citizens. In a world in which destruction in so concentrated, instantaneous, and total form is available, tangible defense has essentially been abandoned; it has already been replaced by reliance on the rationality and control of other men and their political and military systems.

CONSIDER FIRST the effects of a "small" atomic bomb, exploded underground on September 19, 1957, and described by former A. E. C. Commissioner Willard F. Libby as "about as small as has been fired" up to that time. This "little" atomic bomb was smaller than most of the weapons that are now called "small, tactical" weapons. It was more than ten times smaller than the Hiroshima bomb. The amount of nuclear explosive involved would not quite fill a teaspoon. But this "little" explosion released about three times the total explosive energy of all the bombs dropped on London during the biggest raid on that city in World War II. It crushed four hundred thousand tons of rock and produced earthquake effects that were registered over two thousand miles away. It produced shock waves in the earth clearly distinguishable from earthquakes hundreds of miles away. A year and a half later, the temperature of the rock in the neighborhood of the explosion was still close to 180 degrees Fahrenheit. Explosions thousands of times larger than this one can be produced by a bomb small enough to be carried in a fighter plane.

The effects of H-bomb explosions have been carefully measured. They have been described in "The Effects of Nuclear Weapons," published by the United States Printing Office in 1957, in "Nuclear Explosions and their Effects," published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Delhi, India, in "1970 Without Arms Control," a National Planning Association pamphlet, and elsewhere.

THOUGH ATOMIC BOMBS ten times the size of the one dropped at Hiroshima have been reported, they are small compared to H-bombs. When a big H-bomb is detonated, it is turned into a ball of gas, at a temperature of millions of degrees, within a few millionths of a second. More energy is concentrated into a region of a few cubic feet for a brief instant of time than is consumed by the less industrialized half of the entire world's population in a year; more energy than is generated at Grand Coulee dam during a year. The material and energy in those few cubic feet begins to spread outward at speeds of hundreds of miles per second, and in less time than it takes sound to travel one foot in the air, the ball of intense blue-white gas grows to more than two hundred feet across.

Thirty-five per cent of the energy of the H-bomb is given off as light and heat from the expanding fireball. Like the light from a lightning flash, it reaches out for many miles around long before any sound is heard. People would be roasted alive by searing blue-white light in complete silence. Temperatures of thousands of degrees are reached on the ground below. As the fireball continues to grow, it acts like a gigantic blow-torch applied to the buildings and inhabitants of a city. When, at the end of about ten seconds, it reaches its maximum intensity, it would appear to an observer a hundred miles away about a hundred times as bright as the sun. The skin of a man twenty miles away would be charred. Tons of incendiary bombs would have to be dropped on every city block over an area of a thousand square miles to equal the death and destruction by heating and burning, from one big H-bomb. Twenty miles from the explosion, thirty fires per block would be started in "good" residential areas, and about two hundred per block in slum areas. The fireball forms a gigantic "hot air balloon," with enough lifting power to carry the entire population of either the United States or the Soviet Union into the stratosphere. The 1954 explosion at Bikini carried millions of tons of vaporized and pulverized material many miles high.

But only thirty-five per cent of the energy from the H-bomb goes into heat and light; fifty per cent goes into the blast and shock wave that follows in the wake of the heat and light. For an explosion near the surface of the earth, the blast, combined with the intense heat would carve out a gigantic crater, excavating millions of cubic yards of buildings, earth, and human beings. The crater from one multimegaton H-bomb would encompass more than a hundred city blocks: it would have a depth at the center of more than two hundred feet; around its edge would be a mound taller than a five-story building. Into such a crater, you could throw the Pentagon, the Empire State Building, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, and the pyramids of Egypt, and still have room left over. In most of the large cities of the world, the crater would slowly fill with water. At the rate of a thousand cubic feet of water per second, it would take roughly a month for it to flil up.

THE BLAST WAVE initially travels outward faster than sound, yet for nearly ten seconds it retains the power totally to destroy blast-resistant reinforced concrete windowless buildings; during this time, it would destroy over a thousand city blocks. After ten more seconds, travelling at the speed of sound it would sweep over an area of fifty square miles, still with enough power to destroy blast-resistant buildings. Half a minute after the fireball had set fire to distant objects, the blast wave would still be spreading, totally destroying wooden frame houses over an area of three hundred square miles. A minute later, people in outlying areas who would not yet have heard a sound (though they might have been burnt by the flash) would finally experience the blast and sound, which would by then have spread out over one thousand square miles, and would still retain the energy to damage the roofs of houses and blow down interior partitions.

These would be the remains of a city after an H-bomb explosion: its center turned into a volcanic lake, total destruction of all buildings and structures over many thousands of blocks, the entire city on fire. In the city of New York, an estimated seven and a half million casualties would result from a single large H-bomb, or several times the combined total of the American casualties in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean War.

THOUGH LIGHT and heat, blast and shock account for most of the energy of the H-bomb, they do not necessarily account for most of the death and damage. For though only the remaining fifteen per cent of the bomb's energy appears as nuclear radiation (five per cent initially and ten per cent residual), the fallout carrying the residual radiation is among the most potent poisons known. The explosion of March 1, 1954, covered seven thousand square miles with lethal amounts of radioactive fallout. The total land surface of the earth could be covered by eight thousand such explosions. Existing stockpiles have been estimated to be of this order of magnitude (probably larger in number, though containing many smaller weapons).

Though the destructiveness of weapons has already reached proportions beyond the comprehension of many, new developments are underway. The production of missiles ready to be fired on a moment's notice will make possible their development in mountain caves, under the Arctic ice cap, aboard submarines, and in many concealed places all over the earth. As small devices with tremendous destructive power are made, the mining of the ports and cities of the world will become increasingly feasible, making it possible to blow them apart without even the need for a bomber or missile, but only for a hand on a distant switch, or the operation of a timing mechanism. New biological and chemical weapons may permit not only the smallest nations, but even non-governmental criminal gangs to cripple large areas. France and China have nuclear reactors in operation producing plutonium, a nuclear explosive, and are expected to test their first A-bombs of independent manufacture within a year or so. Plans are under way to make nuclear-armed missiles available to the armed forces of half a dozen countries.

YET IF WE DO NOT let it be snatched from us, we have the opportunity to build a vigorous, purposeful, interdependent world society, with unequalled opportunities for seeking new knowledge of the world and ourselves, for establishing love and respect for other men. We now have the sources of energy to free men from inhuman drudgery. With our growing ability to cure disease, to produce food abundantly, and rationally to control birth rates, we need no longer be pressed constantly towards squalor or privation. We are achieving a unifying understanding of the world in which we live, far transcending the limitations of any one man's experience. Faced with a world in which genocide, torture, and the degradation of individuals have become widely tolerated, we cannot afford simply to concern ourselves with the applications of science to weapons and technology, while neglecting its potentialities for giving greater scope, vigor, and unity to life.

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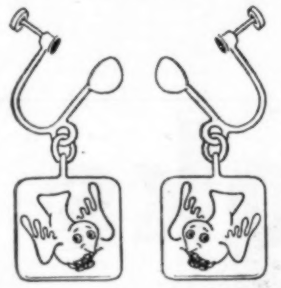

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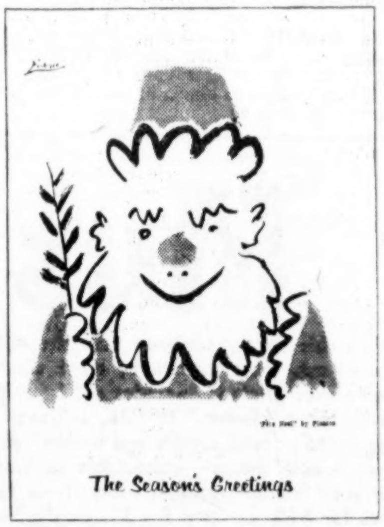

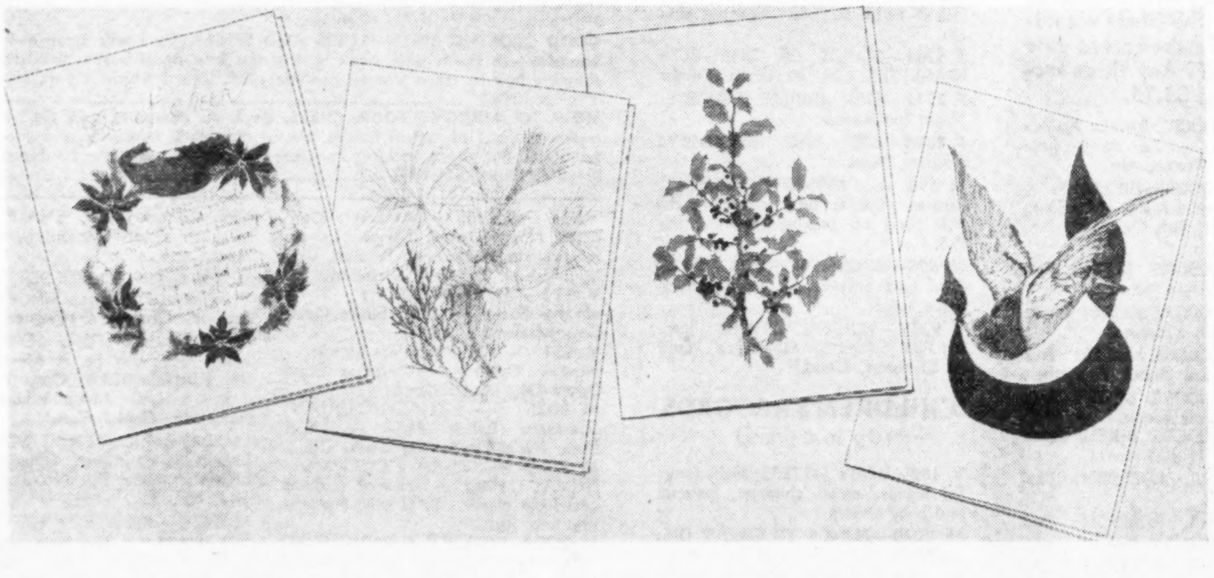

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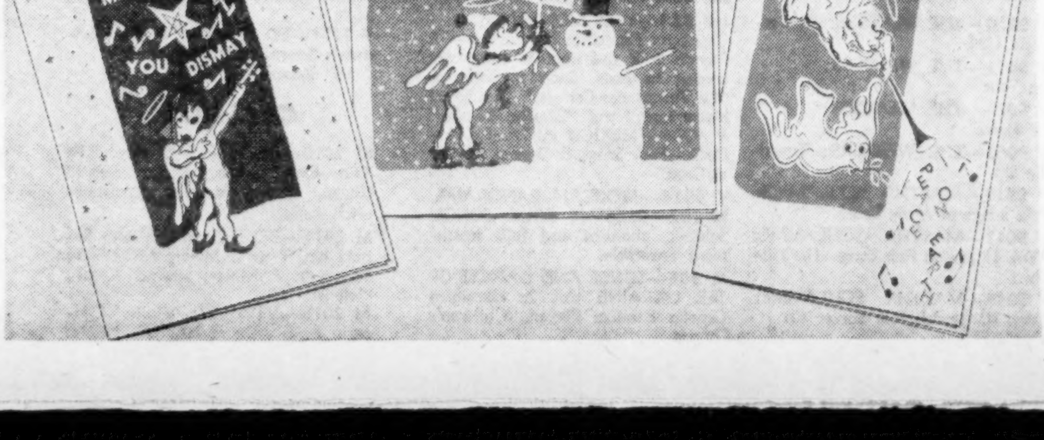

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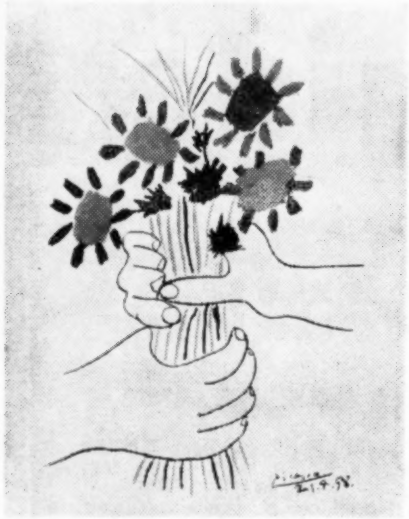

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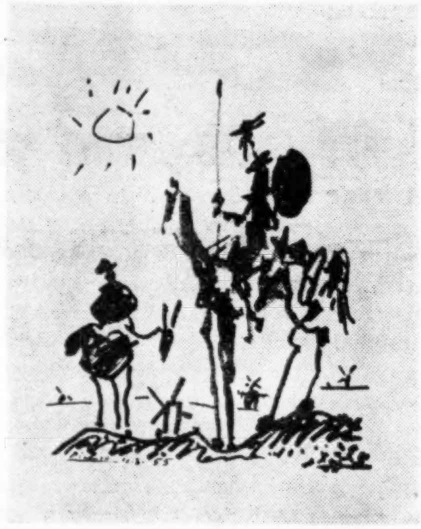

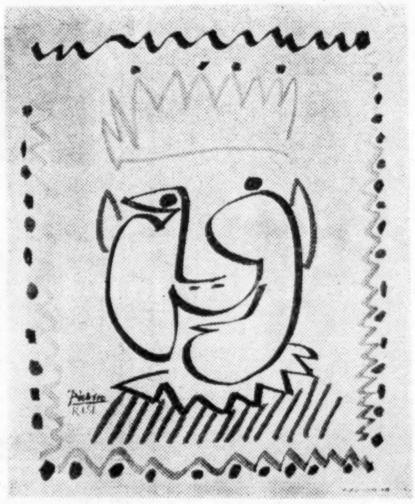

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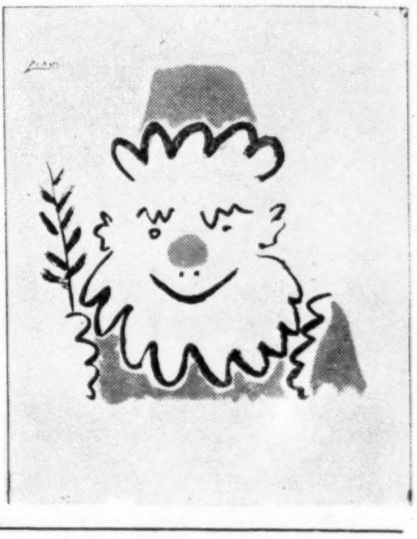

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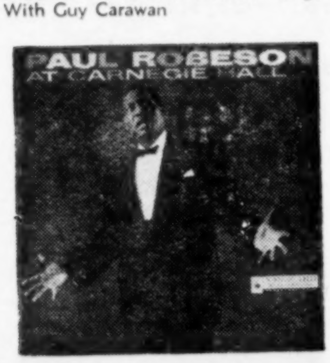

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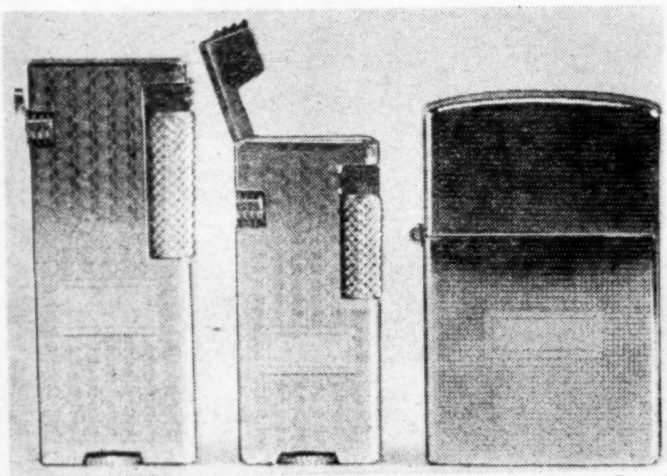

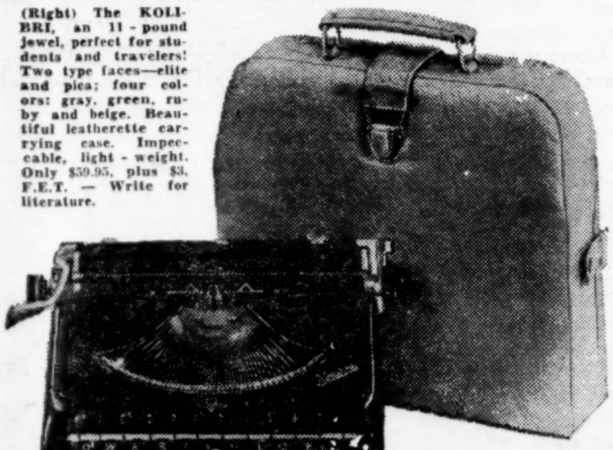

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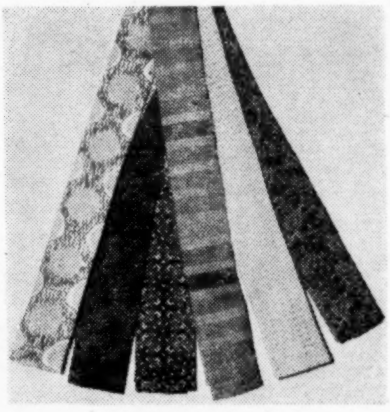

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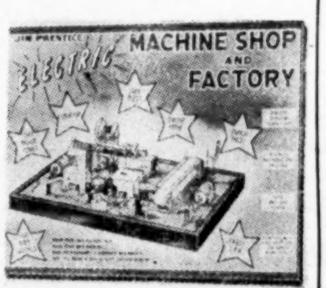

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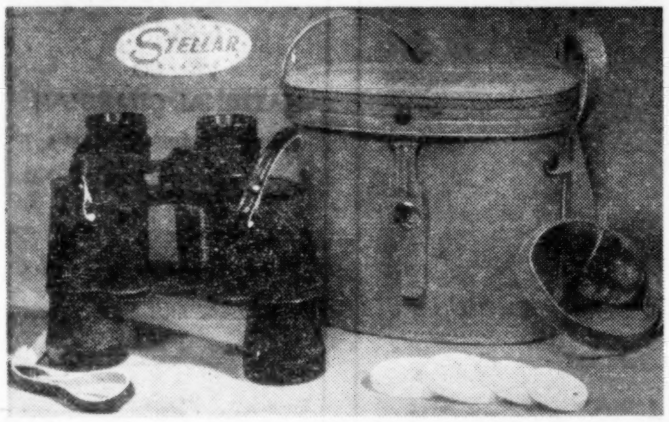

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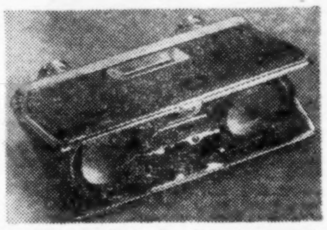

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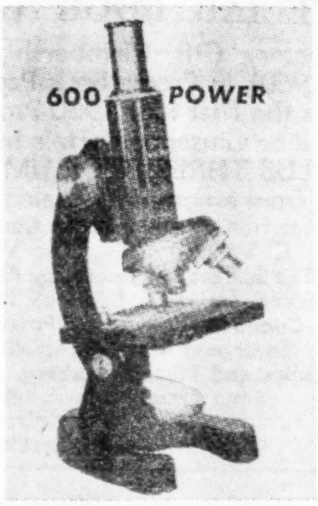

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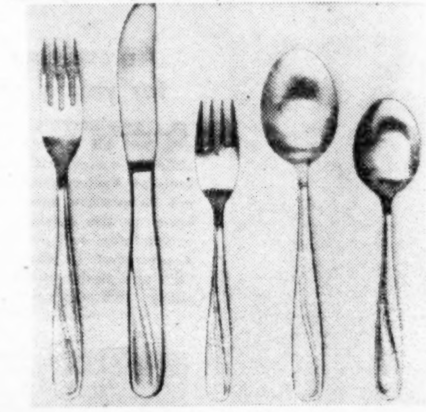

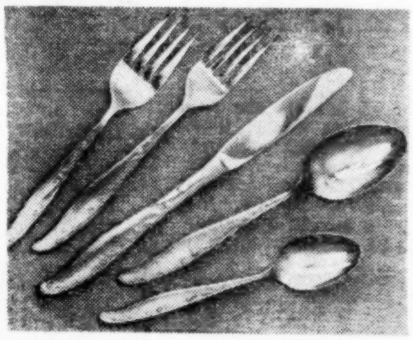

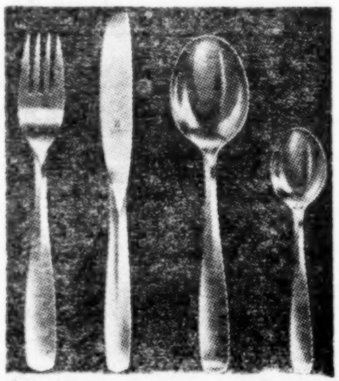

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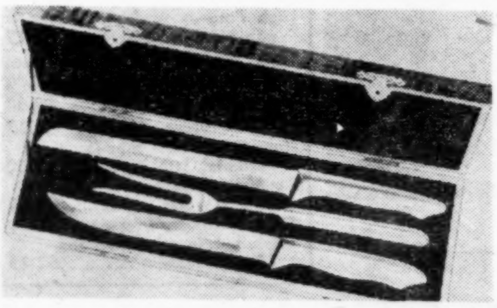

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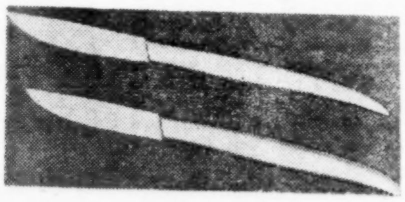

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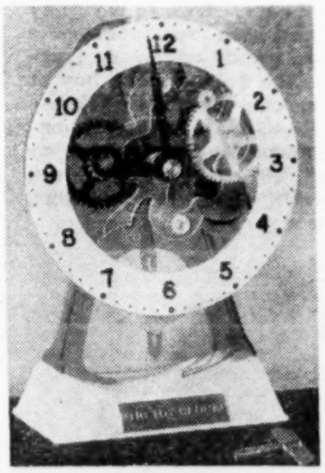

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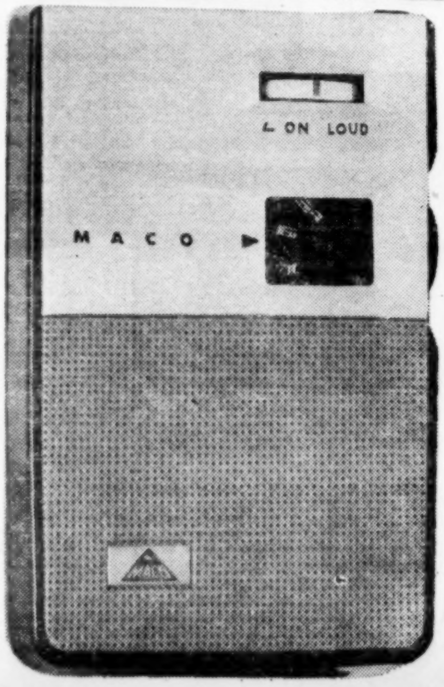

### 1,200 DELEGATES ADOPT 'DECLARATION OF HOPE'

# *Australia peace congress hailed as best in West*

**By Bill Irwin**
**Special to the Guardian**

MELBOURNE

NEARLY 1,200 DELEGATES representing 500 organizations at the week-long Australian and New Zealand Congress for International Cooperation and Disarmament here adopted a "Declaration of Hope" which called for total disarmament and for a Summit meeting without delay.

Despite attacks from the Right, some internal divisions and a small breakaway movement, the Peace Congress was called the most successful held in the Western world since World War II by Madame Isabel Blume, an observer from the World Peace Council. The Congress opened on Nov. 8 with a parade of 4,000 through the city's streets; marchers included prominent churchmen, trade union leaders and officials of the Victoria Labor Party. The opening rally was held in the huge glass-enclossed Olympic Pool.

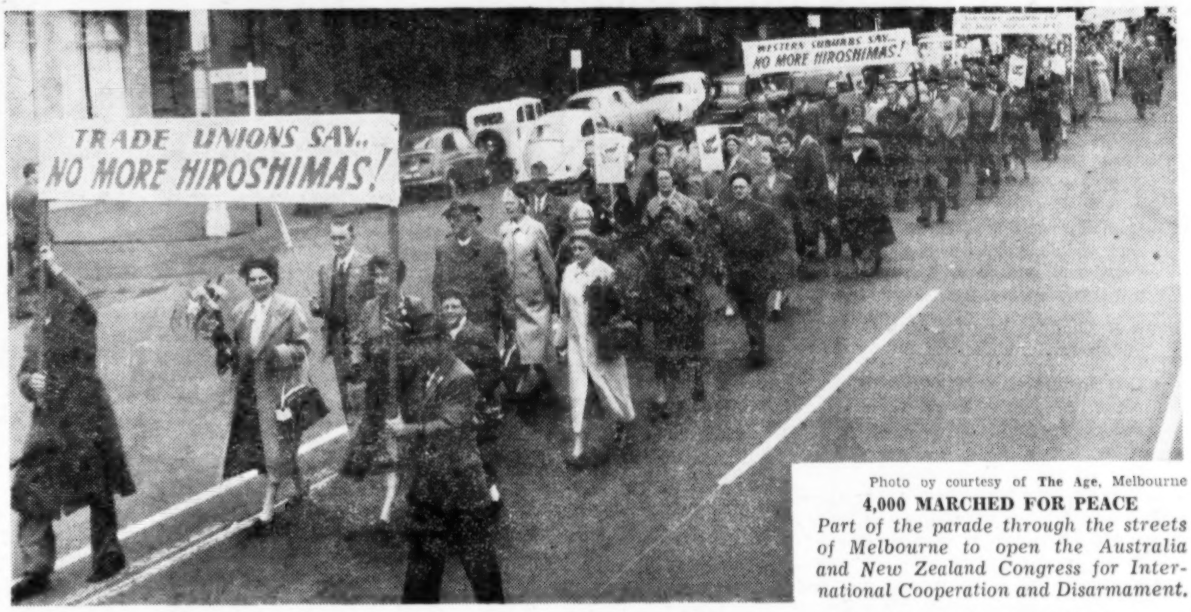
TRADE UNIONS SAY.. NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!
WESTERN SUBURBS SAY... NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!

Photo by courtesy of **The Age**, Melbourne

**4,000 MARCHED FOR PEACE**

*Part of the parade through the streets of Melbourne to open the Australia and New Zealand Congress for International Cooperation and Disarmament.*

**PAGE ONE NEWS:** The Congress made front page news every day. Public interest was stimulated by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Linus Pauling of California; novelist J. B. Priestley of Great Britain; and Dr. Mulk Raj Anand, Indian writer. India's Prime Minister Nehru sent greetings and good wishes, and a message from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said:

"Since I cannot have the pleasure of attending your Congress, I would like to take this opportunity to send greetings and good wishes to all those assembled. All of us must work for peace in the world and direct our energies to the development of underdeveloped areas."

The Congress consisted of eight autonomous sectional conferences with the following attendance: Writers and artists, 78 delegates; citizens, 454; churchmen, 54; youth, 78; educators, 113; municipal, 37; scientists, 62; and trade unions, 368 (including 81 observers).

**DECLARATION POINTS:** Each conference produced its own findings which were embodied in the final Declaration of Hope. The Declaration urged:

- Total disarmament, accompanied at all stages by an accepted system of inspection.
- Immediate banning of nuclear tests, for which an adequate system of detection has already been proposed.
- Orderly transition to a peace economy, resources thus saved to be used in raising living standards, especially in underdeveloped countries.
- Admission of China and all other non-member nations to the UN.
- Free cultural, scientific, industrial, athletic and other exchanges between countries, the removal of all travel restrictions, and an unimpeded flow of information.
- A Summit meeting without delay.

"We believe that the responsibility for war is never one-sided, and that all nations should forgive past wrongs," the Declaration said.

"Encouraged by the public support for the Congress, we believe that people everywhere, working to achieve the aims of this Declaration, can ensure international cooperation and disarmament."

**SHE DANCED FOR PEACE**

*Indian dancer Indrani was a featured performer at the Australia peace congress*

**THE DISSIDENTS:** The very breadth of the Congress was a source of difficulties as well as strength. Sixty delegates called a separate meeting towards the end of the week and decided that four of the eight sectional conferences had been "unduly influenced" by the Communist Party and the Australian Peace Council (which is connected with the World Peace Council and which supported the Peace Congress, while denying parenthood of it).

The dissident delegates considered that discussion in parts of the Congress had not been as free as promised. They complained particularly about a ruling against references to the past actions of any country. They decided to convene a public meeting to set up a new Australian organization to work for peace, similar to the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in which philosopher Bertrand Russell and Priestley are active.

Next day the Victorian secretary of the Australian Labor Party, J. Tripovich, denied that the Congress was Communist-dominated. And Congress secretary Sam Goldbloom issued a statement saying that new groups were to be welcomed if they widened peace activities and did not seek to break "the essential unity required to preserve peace."

**HUNGARIAN ISSUE:** Another conflict took place over the issue of Tibor Dery and other Hungarian writers now in prison.

Among those who addressed the writers' and artists' conference was Kossuth Prize winner Tibor Meray, who fought in the 1956 Hungarian revolt and who recently published a book, **Ten Days that Shook the Kremlin**, about it. Meray asked for a protest to be made on behalf of the imprisoned writers. The final report from the conference contained this passage: "We claim freedom for every true artist to express and communicate his version of life and its delights and complexities."

This did not go far enough for ten delegates who insisted on this addition: "We recognize that many writers in a number of countries do not yet have this freedom." This was rejected by a majority vote, but it was separately included in the report to the full Congress. Later Priestley, his wife Jacquetta Hawkes and Dr. Anand associated themselves with this minority addition.

**ROBESON MESSAGE:** At the final rally it was announced that much of the organizing work had been done by full-time workers made available by trade unions (railwaymen, building workers, clothing trades workers, mechanics, sheet metal workers, painters, butchers) and the Victorian branch of the Labor Party.

Four delegates from the People's Republic of China, just arrived, were given a hearty reception. They were led by Chao Fusan, dean of the Interdenominational Theological College in Peking.

The big event of the evening was a tape-recorded message from Paul Robeson, who said: "Recent events have underscored the obvious conclusion that nations and peoples must learn to get along together in our one world. None of us can be secure and happy unless he works for and insists on peace for every human being. This reasonable objective can be achieved if all continue to work for it unsparingly in the cultural, economic and political fields . . ."

**SCARE TACTICS:** Early opposition to the Congress included use of the security police by the Menzies government to frighten off sponsors. It committed the blunder of sending Brigadier Spry, head of the Australian Security Service, to visit Sydney University Professor of Moral Philosophy A. K. Stout, with secret "evidence" about organizers of the Congress. Prof. Stout withdrew his sponsorship, but the incident rallied Federal Labor politicians into attacks on the government and secret police and diluted the government's McCarthy-like campaign against the Congress as "a Communist front."

Once the Australian Labor Party would have quailed before such tactics. This time Federal president Joe Chamberlain spoke up in defense of the Congress, of which he is a sponsor; and Federal Parliamentary leader Dr. Herbert V. Evatt sent a friendly message to it.

Australia's top nuclear scientist, Prof. Sir Mark Oliphant, withdrew his sponsorship, not because Communists were attending it, he said, but because he was not convinced it was being organized in a way that would ensure the expression of representative Australian opinion. Three days later Prof. Oliphant announced he would attend the Congress nonetheless, though not as a sponsor.

**THEY'RE TALKING UP:** The pressure against the Congress not only kept it on the front page for days before it opened; it also generated renewed affirmations of support from the Victorian branch of the Australian Labor Party, the Melbourne Trades Hall Council and important trade unions. And there's evidence that many citizens in Melbourne's far-flung suburbs for the first time became aware of some of the big issues involved and were beginning to talk about them.

The daily press was unfriendly to the Congress but gave a good deal of space to statements in its defense. Prof. Pauling, Priestley and other visitors were widely interviewed and reported.

## The Paulings made a big impact

AT THE FINAL RALLY of the Melbourne Peace Congress, Indian novelist Mulk Raj Anand won warm applause when he said: "I have learned a lot at this Congress, especially from Dr. and Mrs. Linus Pauling."

The Paulings have made a remarkable impact on this country. Prof. Pauling especially has given many talks and been interviewed, televised and broadcast in the important centers.

Soon after his arrival he was invited to attend a conference at the National University at Canberra. He spoke to some 50 or 60 scientists on the grim biological effects of Carbon 14 for an hour. Then followed a discussion which became mainly an argument between Dr. Pauling and Prof. E. W. Titterton, Professor of Nuclear Physics at he University who is a leading adviser of the Australian government and has made repeated public statements to allay fears about the effects of fall-out. At the end, it seemed clear that Dr. Pauling's warnings had retained their validity.

Professor Titterton tried to contradict some of the statements Dr. Pauling made. Dr. Pauling picked out fallacies in his arguments and answered him effectively.

Asked why he thought it worth while coming to Melbourne, so remote from the centers where world decisions are made, he said: "Well, after all Australia is a member of the UN. I know that the big powers tend to dominate the UN but the other nations constitute a very important force nonetheless.

"My principal motive was to help the Australian people to obtain a better understanding of the present world situation, so that they might influence their government to take proper actions in respect of world affairs, especially in UN discussions."

Dr. Pauling said he considered the Melbourne Peace Congress a great success.

**BOOKS**

# Usefulness of poets

THE POET (says the Rev. Dr. Harmon M. Gehr of Pasadena in a pamphletized sermon sent us recently by poet-subscriber John G. Moore) is one of the most useful of persons. The poet cleanses and renews ideals. He (or she) need not be a reformer intentionally; indeed the best of them apply moral passion without preaching. Where (asks Dr. Gehr) would we be without them—America without Longfellow, Whitman? Britain without Shakespeare, Shelley, Keats?

And what is the stuff of poetry? Dr. Gehr quotes John Richard Moreland:

Red peppers on a cotton string,
A rose, bayberries silvering,
Old syllables we hold most dear,
Laughter, the quick rebellious tear;
Or wild grapes in September.

SEVENTEEN SONNETS by Kathryn Peck—in a hand-bound and stitched volume with a half dozen or so excellent pencil sketches by Marjory Washburn pasted in—runs this gamut and more. She writes of a favorite valley, a little boy's irksome clothes, an amulet, a ferryboat, but also of "Mill Accident," "Mine Town Eviction" and "Funeral of a Strike Town Child." Also, her longing

To cease from the vicious and ugly,
To sail with the current of caring for people as brothers,
To catch the clean breeze in my sails
That is urging the world into oneness,
To have done with the worship of Death
To become
Preoccupied, consumed, obsessed with the concept of life.

Kathryn Peck's poems have appeared over the years in many of the thoughtful magazines. Her 103-page **Seventeen Sonnets** (there are actually 66 poems in the book) was printed in an edition of 125 copies, no price indicated. Write to the author, 26-1/2 Thorton Av., Venice, Calif., to see if any remain.

**TWO BOOKS of the poems of the late Jacob William Taff were sent to the GUARDIAN by his widow after his death following many years of hospital and sanitarium as a tubercular patient.**

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A corridor of madness . . .

But through the night come "fingers of walking thought."

. . . reliving the grass and leaves, the football seasons,
the girls and their loving reasons . . .

Yet each returning day is

. . . a replica in monotony and routine,
Separate links in a single chain of pain.

Death was nearer in **As the Hour:**

The knife I so often see stabbing toward me
Is richer tonight by his blood . . .

(a fellow patient of whose death he learned "casually, in the hurry of a nurse's efficiency.")

What the poet has left behind is a scalpel-sharp criticism of the factory-like procedure of institutional care. The corrective steps, he leaves to us.

**In the Room** is $2.75, **As the Hour** $3, from Morris Rosenfeld Books, 2325 Raleigh St., Denver 12, Colo.; or from Mrs. Taff, 106 W. Yavapie Road, Tucson, Ariz.

ROVING EYE PRESS, founded by the late poet and friend of poets, Bob Brown, has just issued the last volume selected by Brown, Olga Cabral's **Cities and Deserts**. Roving Eye, 37 W. 8th St., New York 11, is the publisher of Walter Lowenfels' **American Voices** and, early this year, **Songs of Peace**, a collection of poems of many lands, from ancient Rome to present-day China, assembled by Lowenfels and published with ten original block prints by Anton Refregier.

Olga Cabral, wife of the Yiddish poet, Aaron Kurtz, began publishing poetry in the little magazines of the 30's, turned to writing children's books, then recently returned to poetry—of which **Cities and Deserts** (69 pp. $1.50) is her first volume. She has a free-floating imagery (Alcatraz, for example, is "a man trap/amid playboy yachts"), and an expert's disdain of rhyme and construction except when they suit her purpose. For example her lines to California's Sequoia forest start off with this ramble-scramble:

Hey you old wizard
groves, you grand
Old granddaddy evergreen graybeard tree
tribe of skyscraper philosophers:

But gradually the poem loses its saucy mood for a measure of awe:

But I, human, with all my dreams,
equations, plans of futures
too ridiculous to contemplate in your presence,
touch the wise wrinkles of your longevity
with the tips of baffled fingers:
I who bear the life-span of a cloud of summer gnats.

Then, as if to prove that even poetic strictures can't keep a good poet down, here is the "fallout" sestet from her sonnet, **The Cloud on Yucca Flat:**

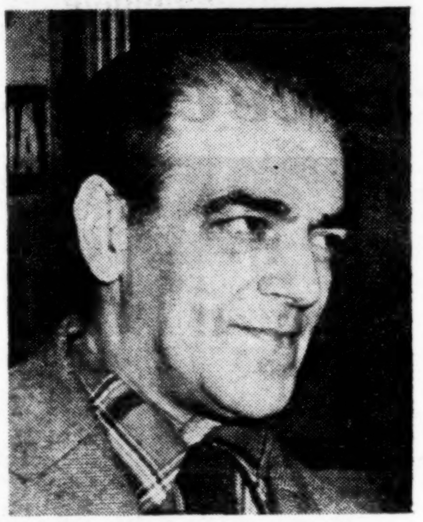
Then in our midst our noblest city fell
to a bizarre enemy; a thin dry dust
that never heaven shed before; a rust
and rot of life that warned no sentinel.
Folks gathered this fearsome dust—and wept to see
it was our own: we were the enemy.

Roving Eye also has **Songs of Peace**, $1.35; and **American Voices**, $2.50.

OF THE PAMPHLETIZED SERMON, **The Impact of Poetry on Mind and Heart** by the Rev. Dr. Gehr, mentioned at the start of this roundup, subscriber John G. Moore scrawls on the cover: "Since 1935 I've heard & read a great deal on 'Poetry' but Dr. Gehr's talk is almost the first one I've heard or read that showed appeal alike to layman (and woman) as well as to poets. So I spent $150 of my own money to get it printed. Now I'd like part of my money back."

In addition to being a model nonsectarian sermon, the pamphlet is a miniature sampler of the works of George Santayana, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Dame Edith Sitwell, Max Eastman, Alfred Noyes, Leonard Bacon, Christopher Morley, Gilbert K. Chesterton, Coventry Patmore, William Wordsworth and the aforementioned John Richard Moreland. Fifty cents, from John G. Moore, The Center, 14 N. Fair Oaks Av., Pasadena, Calif.

**—By John T. McManus**



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# Witch-hunters defied

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between these two groups were blithely ignored in the interest of describing unrest in Puerto Rico and in Latin America generally as inspired by a "Kremlin-directed international communist conspiratorial plot."

**LADY DETECTIVE:** The first witness, Sergei Buteneff, a U.S. Customs official, came prepared with piles of Spanish language publications from the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries which he said were received in "substantial" quantities by addressees in this country. He was followed by a State Dept. translator who was asked to read excerpts and was dismissed soon after he noted one article entitled, "Let Us Make Our Swords Into Plowshares" and a call in **Youth of the World** for pen pals to increase international understanding.

The headlines for the day went to New York City Police Dept. undercover agent, detective Mildred Blauvelt, a recurrent witness. She told of Communist Party activities among Puerto Ricans in Brooklyn, N.Y., and, under prompting by Arens, did "here and now to a certainty identify" as a Communist Jesus Colon who has for five years written a weekly column for **The Worker.**

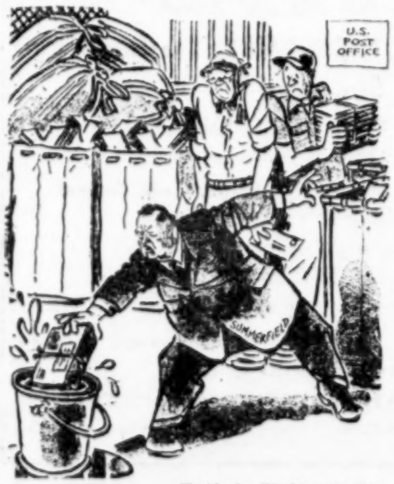
Ignored or underplayed by the New York press was the resistance of witness after witness. When Colon, 58, a Puerto Rican-born longshoreman, laborer, postal clerk and writer, took the stand, he challenged the right of the committee to question him, called the hearings an "inquisition" and repeatedly refused to answer questions as Arens began to pound the table.

**THE INVADER:** Felix Ojeda Ruiz, a carpenter and cabinet maker, whom the committee identified as one of the Puerto Rican Communists jailed under high bail in 1954 under Smith Act indictments which were later dismissed, was asked about his education. He replied that as a boy he had walked barefoot 25 miles round-trip from his home to the nearest school in Puerto Rico and gone without lunch.

Jorge W. Maysonet-Hernandez, Brooklyn factory worker, said he was born "in the American colony of Puerto Rico 14 years after Yankee invading troops came."

"I believe the Communist Party of Puerto Rico, as well as other organizations fighting for liberty there, have a right to do so because force and violence has been forced on them," he said.

Ramon Acevido, a manual laborer, and the only witness who did not invoke the Fifth Amendment, said he was born "in a colony of the United States." This provoked the subcommittee's strongest resentment. Asked when he was born, he began an account of how St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland and calmly continued as Arens rose to his feet and repeatedly "ordered and directed" him to answer. In the midst of this, Rep. Gordon H. Scherer (R-O.) leaned forward to ask if he had understood Acevido to refer to the committee and its informants as "trained seals." The witness paused and said he didn't think he had used the term but that "perhaps I was thinking out loud." Enraged, Scherer moved to cite the witness for contempt. Acevido replied "You can't take it, but you can give it."



Herblock, Washington Post

**"Stand back—it may be a book."**

**WON'T BE CHATTELS:** Angel Rene Torres, steelworker and blacklisted seaman, said he had been born in Puerto Rico "in the 30th year of occupation," refused to state if he was the editor of **Vanguard,** organ of the Provisional Organizing Committee, invoked the First and Fifth Amendments and "every blessed part of the Constitution which I defend to the whole."

Armando Roman, food worker, called Puerto Rico the "most oppressed nation in the Western Hemisphere," and stated Puerto Ricans "will refuse any more to be chattels."

"American imperialists, the sugar companies, didn't ask my permission to come and take my father's farm away," he added. "I'm advocating independence for Puerto Rico which this committee doesn't want."

Other witnesses who refused to cooperate on the first day were Michael Crenovich, printing pressman; Victor Aguste, laborer; Stanley Weiss, sheet metal worker; and William Norman who was identified as a former New York State secretary of the CP.

**REAL PURPOSE:** At the end of the first day's hearing, Rep. William M. Tuck (D-Va.) hinted at the committee's real purpose. Interviewed in the Court House corridor, he spat on the marble floor and said: "Looks as if these people are desiring to stir up trouble of the kind there is in Venezuela and Cuba."

Three witnesses appeared the second day. William Patterson, manager of **The Worker,** charged the committee had no jurisdiction over Puerto Rico and that the committee was seeking to "terrorize Latin Americans who seek real freedom and independence." He was expelled from the hearing room when he demanded that evidence he claimed had been introduced illegally be expunged from the record.

Richard Levins, 29, a graduate student of genetics at Columbia U., refused to answer questions about activities in Puerto Rico. Accompanied by Prof. Jack B. Weinstein of the Columbia Law School, Levins noted that Tuck had not appeared for the second day's session, that House rules require a quorum of at least two Congressmen, that Scherer, sitting alone, had "deliberately misrepresented himself" as a duly constituted committee of Congress, and that such rules were regarded as a "nuisance" by the commitee. He objected that the committee used the hearings as a forum to interject its own views into the record and that his appearance had been ordered only for "punitive reasons." When Arens continued to ask questions, Levins and Weinstein quietly stood up and left the room with Arens still talking.

**SCHERER SUMS UP:** The final New York witness was Jose Santiago whom Arens identified from a quote in **Vanguard** as New York leader of the P.O.C. Santiago said: "Go to the Negro and Puerto Rican people if you want to know about violence," and refused to answer questions about his associations.

At one point Santiago said he had learned "from press reports" that "the Communist Party of Puerto Rico is part of the liberation movement."

Scherer leaped at the comment and called it "the most significant statement made in these hearings." He accused Communists of "surreptitiously interjecting themselves in every group for purposes of creating dissension, hatred and ill will towards the United States."

"They have done it in Cuba, they have done it in Panama, they have done it in some other countries in Latin America and they are attempting to do it in Puerto Rico," he summed up for the committee.

With the matter thus neatly put, the subcommittee took off for what was to be a hornet's nest in San Juan. There, not one of the subpenaed witnesses answered a single question other than to identify himself. Supported by a strong committee of lawyers appointed by the Bar Association of San Juan, every witness challenged the jurisdiction of the committee to operate in Puerto Rico. The committee had to rely on its own staff witnesses—Irving Fishman and his assistants from the Custom House, and detective Blauvelt.

**MASS RESISTANCE:** The Committee's effort to produce sensations met with laughter. Pickets marched and chanted outside. Forty outstanding citizens signed a protest which was carried as an advertisement in the papers. Sixty-nine members of the faculty of the University of Puerto Rico issued a concurring statement, joining the protest. And political demonstrations against the committee's intrusion were held throughout the island.

After the first witness had refused for two hours to answer any questions, Rep. Scherer made a speech in which he accused Clark Foreman, director of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, of being responsible for statements to the press, speeches on the radio, the protest of citizens, the pickets, and even the legal position of the lawyers protecting the witnesses.

At this point the head of the committee of lawyers appointed by the Bar Assn., Abraham Diaz Gonzales, rose and publicly shouted that the Congressman was lying. The whole audience applauded for several minutes and the hearings were recessed.

**YANKEES, GO HOME:** On Thursday morning, the English language paper, the **San Juan Star,** owned by Gardner Cowles, carried a front page editorial headed: "Yesterday's Circus." The first paragraph read as follows: "The sum total of the accomplishments of the House Un-American Activities hearings, held here yesterday, turns out to be a minus quantity."

Thursday afternoon was a holiday in Puerto Rico because it was the anniversary of the discovery of the island by Columbus. The number of pickets was greatly increased, and shouts of "Yankees, go home" penetrated the hearings. All the subpenaed witnesses refused to answer all questions. The hearings were continued on Friday morning, but produced the same results.

Although the committee said it was defending the United States against communist propaganda in Latin America, the hearings themselves may well prove to be the greatest disservice to U.S relations with the Latin American countries since the last landing of the Marines in Nicaragua.

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## *She wrote her letter; will you write yours?*

MRS. ROSE SOBELL is shown above at a mailbox in New York as she sent off her appeal to Washington for freedom this holiday season for her son, Morton Sobell, serving a 30-year sentence in Atlanta. The Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York, N. Y., is urging people all over the country to write, to get others to write and to help raise funds for the campaign. Prepared letters are available from the Committee. "Please remember," said Mrs. Sobell, "that this is Morton's tenth year of imprisonment. The many new developments give us great hope, and we count on you to help make this hope a reality."

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BACK TO FLORIDA

# Rockefeller denies Willie Reid's plea

NEW YORK Gov. Nelson Rockefeller ruled on Nov. 23 that Willie Reid, Negro itinerant citrus worker who fled a Florida chain gang in 1950, must be returned to that state. His action in signing Reid's extradition papers, he said, was based on information from Florida's Gov. Leroy Collins that Reid "will be in the custody of state and not local authorities and safe custody to Florida and safe custody upon his return is assured."

Reid's supporters had protested his return to the custody of Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall who has won notoriety as a killer of Negroes. Despite Collins' assurances, Lawrence Cohen, one of Reid's three voluntary attorneys, deplored "the almost certain fate which faces him on his return." Reid's treatment, he said —"both judicial and penal—in Florida has been the grossest outrage of justice that I have personally seen or heard about."

It was expected that Reid would be sent to Florida before the end of November, thus ending a 4½-year fight.

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## 'Which Way the Wind' goes back to Philadelphia area

WHICH WAY THE WIND, documentary drama of man's struggle for survival under the shadow of the H-bomb, will play a return engagement for four nights in Philadelphia and suburbs following its three scheduled performances in the New York area.

The Philadelphia dates are: Dec. 2—Media High School, Media, Pa.; Dec. 3—Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia; Dec. 4—Fellowship House, Philadelphia; Dec. 5—Westtown School, Westtown, Pa.

The production, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee and featuring Bert Bigelow as narrator, will be seen in New York at International House, 500 Riverside, Nov. 27; Adelphi College, Garden City, L. I., Nov. 28; and Somerville School, Ridgewood, N. J., Nov. 30.

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## Clive Jenkins to speak in New York December 1

CLIVE JENKINS, London Borough Councilor and young British trade union official, will speak on "The Labor Movement in Britain" on Tues., Dec. 1, at 8:30 p.m. in the Heywood Broun Room of the Newspaper Guild, 133 W. 44th St., New York City.

The Monthly Review Associates' program will also feature Bert Cochran, author of **American Labor in Midpassage.** Mr. Cochran, co-editor of **The American Socialist,** will speak on "The Labor Movement in the U.S."

Tickets are $1 in advance, $1.50 at the door, and can be purchased from Monthly Review Associates, 333 Sixth Av., New York City, CH 2-8403.

# Moon & Mr. K

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tions since the cold war started. That a splendid start on improving relations has been made; that it will be continued with a consequent reduction of tensions—these are the impressions that Khrushchev and Soviet commentators have been deliberately creating since the visit.

**THE MOVIE:** A few days ago I saw the film, "Khrushchev in America." It is a lively, friendly film, with heart-warming shots of American people—on the Santa Barbara railway station; in front of the Mark Hopkins Hotel San Francisco; in the streets of Des Moines and the steel plant in Pittsburgh. A correspondent who had been on the trip grumbled afterwards: "Why didn't they include the unpleasant bits, the Los Angeles Mayor's speech, the meeting with Reuther and the trade union leaders?"

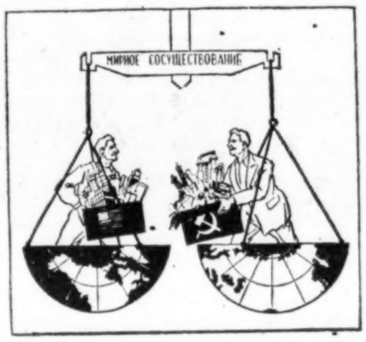
He had missed the whole point of the film—and probably of the trip as well. Khrushchev went to the U.S. in search of peace and friendship. He found both and is saying so. If anybody thinks the Soviet public would prefer to see a sourpuss Reuther indulging in bear-baiting than an eager crowd of ordinary Americans at the Santa Barbara station or close-ups of workers in factories, then they are crazy anyway. The trip is being presented here not just as a personal success of Khrushchev, but as a success for peace.

People here have heard plenty about the bad side of American life. They know all about the arms makers, the war-minded generals and publicity-seeking politicians and trade union bosses. The film brought them something they had never seen before, masses of ordinary American people clapping their leader, clapping for peace and friendship.

Khrushchev and the press and camera people he took with him are in fact doing a master sales job in presenting the American people as friendly and peace-loving, the sort of people one can get along with very well indeed.

**LONG LINES:** There was tremendous interest here in the visit from the very first days. For the first time in over two and a half years here, I saw long lines of people queuing up to buy the evening paper. This has never happened even for sputniks and luniks before. Because of the difference in time, many of Khrushchev's U.S. speeches appeared first in the evening paper.

People followed his every move through the States, drank in every descriptive bit about the various receptions with acute and unprecedented interest. They watched Khrushchev on television, heard him on the radio—and the Moscow radio reporters managed to squeeze in lots of friendly atmosphere in their commentaries. No programs have ever had such audiences here as those devoted to the Khrushchev visit.



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**Scale is labeled "Peaceful Coexistence," and the caption reads: "Let us trade and not fight."**

Why? The Soviet public is an intensely political one. This visit to them was the most vitally important political event since the end of the war. It could yield the answer to the agonizing question—war or no war. So, they watched every move to read what the answer was going to be. When Khrushchev flashed back the message, "the barometer points to fine," he sensed the anxious mood of his own people. From that moment on, Soviet people began to breathe more freely. They have been doing so ever since and the process is continuing. The mood was set at that moment. Nothing that appeared in the press, either reports of the visit or comment since, has done anything but encourage that feeling of relaxation. You can feel it in the air. Khrushchev brought back the "no war" answer.

**A HARD FACT:** "Peaceful coexistence," he told those very hard-headed Soviet deputies on Oct. 31, "today is a hard fact. It is an objective necessity, stemming from the present world situation, from the present stage of development of human society . . . The question now is not whether we should have peaceful coexistence or not. We have it and we shall have it, if we are set against the madness of a world nuclear-missile war. The point is to coexist sensibly . . ." (He made it clear that he did not believe in the "madness of a world nuclear-missile war" and that his visit to the U.S. had helped greatly in forming this conclusion.)

Real perspectives for long-range peace and coexistence are now opening up for the first time for the Soviet people—and there is an almost audible sigh of relief throughout the country. Floods of letters still keep pouring into the editorial offices of all the newspapers and into the Soviet Peace Committee warmly approving the results of what is usually referred to here as "a great mission of peace and friendship." The press is still carrying reports of meetings in factories and collective farms to discuss the visit.

**FACTORY MEETINGS:** "It was not an easy trip for N. S. Khrushchev," A. Aslanov, a turner at a Baku Oil Equipment Plant, is reported as saying at a mass meeting in Baku. "But he knew that all the Soviet people, millions of plain toilers all over the world were following with bated breath every step of his, that every penetrating word of his expressed the sincere desire of mankind which craves for peace and friendship . . ." At the Urals Heavy Machine-Building Works, a molder, Pyotr Gulyayev, told a meeting: "As a result of this trip the hearts of millions of ordinary people were filled with great hope for a happy life undarkened by the clouds of war. The ice of the 'cold war' is melting, the relations between peoples are becoming more cordial . . ."

**Trud,** the trade union paper, carried a letter from Mrs. A. L. Tarakanova, a pensioner from Odessa, appealing to mothers in the U.S. to do their utmost to prevent a new war. " . . . The trip of Nikita Sergeyevitch to America inspired all Soviet people with the hope that war will be abolished for all time by means of total disarmament, for the sake of the happiness of our children. I believe that women and mothers in America and throughout the world are waiting for the same."

In a letter to the Soviet Peace Committee a 75-year-old Georgian, K. G. Saparashvili, wrote: "The future of humanity largely depends on the turn the relations between the two mightiest powers—the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.—will take. This is why N. S. Khrushchev's trip to the U.S. and his talks with Eisenhower represent an event of outstanding significance. This is the dawn, heralding the coming of a fair and warm day which will melt the ice of mistrust and dispel anxiety over the futuure of mankind . . ."

These are genuine expressions of what the ordinary man in the street feels. They are the sort of opinions one hears on every hand. The Soviet press has published such letters by the hundreds. Every effort is made consciously to influence the Soviet people in the sense that peaceful coexistence is coming to stay. No fulminations from people like Joseph Alsop or David Lawrence or other similar gloomy prophets of doom are allowed to offset this.

Khrushchev's stock has gone up immensely since the visit. I met Russians—mainly intellectuals—who before the visit were not enthusiastic about the idea. Reasons were various, ranging from those who feared he might be assassinated to others who felt it was a waste of time. But they have changed their tune. There is only one view here now. The trip was a great success. Soviet prestige was enhanced — Khrushchev has pushed the cause of peace and coexistence on to the highest levels of the world stage.

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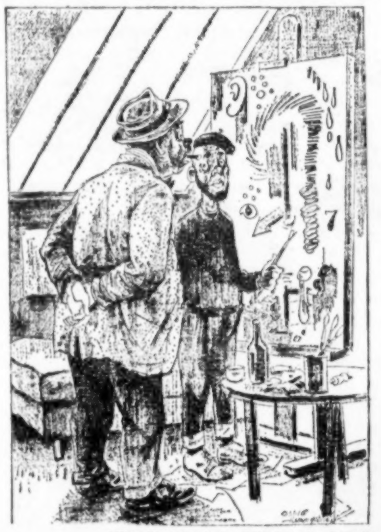
**NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER** Stephen Kennedy eats lunch with Cardinal Spellman three times a week, according to New York **Daily News** columnist Danton Walker. . . . Postmaster John F. Fixa is checking the publications on newsstands operated by blind vendors in San Francisco Post Office buildings. Under a directive from Postmaster General Summerfield he must report on any reading material "of an objectionable, subversive or controversial nature which may subject the Post Office Department to public criticism." Fixa said: "As far as I am personally concerned, the test as to what is good literature is whether or not I would want my teen-age daughter to read it." Fixa's 19-year-old daughter is Sister Mary John Martin, a postulant nun at Dominican Convent in San Jose . . . Police investigating an $8,000 safe burglary at a New York company discovered that the firm employed 12 policemen from a local precinct as watchmen on their day off in violation of department regulations . . . A grand jury in Montgomery County, Md., recommended that police investigate all school employes. The jury found that a teacher with a record of sex perversion in another county had been recently convicted of the same charge. And a school janitor with a record of arrests for drug offenses had just been indicted for keeping hypodermics in his school locker. The jury also found the county's illegitimacy rate "disturbing and expensive to the county's taxpayers." But it said it "has no solution to the problem."

—**Robert E. Light**



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# the SPECTATOR

## Dr. Ma comes to dinner

PEKING

DR. MA HAI-TEH came to dinner with me last night—he's an American by the name of George Haitem who has been in China for a score of years. We were both amused by an article in **U.S. News & World Report** for Oct. 12 on "China Deep in Trouble" which said that the "great leap has flopped, leaving the Reds in a mess with people starving," and that this has led to a "purge in the party and army." "Upheavals, tensions, terror and threats of war are becoming in Red China a way of life . . ."

We laughed over this fiction, for people here now say that the "big leap may become continuous," that industrial output by the end of this year will be double that of two years ago, and that even in agriculture, afflicted by unprecedented rains, floods and droughts, the late harvests are excellent and the total crop will be at least 10% above the record crop of 1958.

I asked Ma: "Do they really have any purges?"

"If you mean by purges, killings," said Ma, "of course not. But if you mean sharp, critical overhaul of work and reorganization of it, this has gone on regularly for the 20 years I have known. Just now everyone is overhauling their own work and discussing in great detail whether any part of what they did in 1959 can be called 'a leap' and if so, how this was brought about."

SPEAKING of his own work, he said: "Our medical research, like everything else, has been having 'leaps' and we have decided that this is due especially to three factors. First, we got rid of the superstition that science can be done only by scientists and we learned to consider research as something that can be done by tens of thousands of people at once, under proper direction. Next, we now combine research with work in preventive medicine. Lastly, we have learned to combine Chinese traditional medicine with Western medicine and this gives big results.

"My own field is research and preventive work in syphilis, leprosy and skin diseases. Last year we learned to do research by sending out a list of questions through trade unions and communes, and getting ten million or more people to check on themselves or go to a clinic. In this way we did research through millions of people which we then checked. We eliminated not only open syphilis but latent syphilis over large areas."

IN LEPROSY, he said, "we have found a useful combination of Chinese traditional medicine and Western medicine. The Chinese have long had a useful treatment which takes effect much faster than the Western treatments, but it comes to an early limit which it cannot pass. The Western treatments go further but start so slowly that damage can occur before they begin to work. Now we start with the Chinese treatment, and superimpose the Western treatment, so that it picks up when the Chinese way leaves off."

Dr. Ma added that in the past persons with the contagious form of leprosy used to run away to avoid isolation in special colonies.

"The communes," said Ma, "have ended this difficulty. Every commune has so many small populated places that it is easy to set one aside as a leper colony. The lepers do not object, for they get land and tools like everyone else, and work as a production brigade of the commune, and are represented in its management. Their lives are quite normal, but all contact with them can be safeguarded. We hope in another year to have all lepers in China handled in this way."

DR. MA said plans are under way for a concentrated attack on syphilis in Tibet next year. In the rest of China it is practically cleaned up, but Tibet until recently did not admit Chinese medicine. In preparing teams to go to Tibet, they are turning especially to the Inner Mongolians. Inner Mongolia, like Tibet, was in process of dying out from syphilis, which followed the lamaseries of the Tibetan religion, this being also the religion of the Mongols.

Inner Mongolia is now so clean of syphilis that Mongolian medical workers who were trained in the campaign are being transferred to general medicine. But the best of them are asked to volunteer for a year or more to help another minority nationality, the Tibetans. They are glad to do this, and it is an especially neat idea, for the Tibetans have always considered the Mongols their brothers in past conflicts with the Hans.

I told Dr. Ma that I had recently taken two injections in a Peking hospital and had been surprised that I had not felt the needle. He replied that this is a result of a technique developed over many years by a Chinese nurse and now being generally adopted. The nurse now gives lectures and demonstrations on her technique, which she has adapted for every kind of injection.

IT IS BASED, believe it or not, on jabbing you so fast that your nerves cannot act before the needle gets in. The nurse swings her arm like a spear thrust, but she holds her hand in such a way that, immediately after the needle penetrates, the side of her hand hits the patient's body like a soft slap. The hand position is practiced by jabbing pumpkins or gourds.

The nurse, of course, got a medal. This is what they call "workers innovations." They occur by the millions in China. Tientsin, for instance, reported 39,000 workers' innovations in August and 34,000 more in September. They are one of the foundations of the "big leap" and one guarantee of its continuance.

—**Anna Louise Strong**

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